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in progress live from madison square garden in new york city nbc news reports the 1980 democratic national convention [Music] [Applause] [Music] so [Music] now reporting from the nbc news convention center in madison square garden here are david brinkley and john chancellor and welcome to our coverage of the second session of the 1980 democratic party national convention here in new york city for the last five hours the hall has been half empty but mainly the spectators stayed away most of the delegates came to spend the day debating and voting on changes proposed for the party's platform they haven't got very far in that and we'll get to that story in a minute outside staff representatives of senator kennedy have met with stats representatives of the president to talk about a possible meeting senator kennedy will be in the hall tonight uh president carter will be in new york city tomorrow they may meet we're not sure david as you say john they've spent five hours discussing changes in the platform and installing a new or trying out a new system of voting by telephone and so far because of inordinate delays in the slowness of the new system takes forever to vote by telephone uh they have only got two roll call

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uh they have only got two roll call votes telephone roll call votes and on one of them a change in the national health plan kennedy wanted a change to insist on a single comprehensive plan the opponent said it would cost 65 billion dollars he wanted that added to the platform they voted by telephone it took forever when they finally got to count the kennedy amendment lost 1573-1349 now they have taken another vote and we are awaiting the results i don't know we will have them shortly that is on an addition to the platform asked by kennedy to demand that the government supply a job to every person who wants to work carter's position is this is impossible and he is opposed um cannot make said what was it i think that the proposal that senator kennedy's forces made that a good job be guaranteed for every american who wants to has just been passed by this convention you can see them all that's a victory for kennedy on the platform okay so he lost one and won one and this will continue and in fact now it'll be here tonight now we will proceed that's the uh that's where the platform fight stands john well uh unity is what you're hearing these days or the lack of it and we're going to ask some of our floor reporters to report on that first garrick utley john we're down here in ted kennedy country the massachusetts delegation where the 77 kennedy delegates are very happy that they got their minority report on jobs through they think that all goes well for the other debate later this evening on the big jobs program which kennedy is pushing but they're also talking about party unity come this fall and with chet atkins who is the state chairman of the party in massachusetts and co-chairman of the delegation a lot of people here are sad of course mr atkins because of kennedy pulling his name out of nomination but looking ahead to the fall campaign are you and your 77 kennedy delegates in massachusetts really going to be able to get behind a carter mondale ticket and work for them massachusetts has

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and work for them massachusetts has always gotten behind the democratic ticket we have the historically the best record of supporting democratic nominees of any state in the country and we'll have it again this november some of the white house people have been quoted as saying that they like to have tech kennedy support but his support is not as important as the support of the kennedy people like those in your delegation that they will not just work in a pro forma fashion that will work enthusiastically can you and your kennedy delegates work enthusiastically after these months and months of competition with carter i think just a brief look at the republican platform can give any democrat a tremendous amount of enthusiasm about this democratic platform and about our nominee well because of the job the platform debate which continues tonight the key issue the 12 billion job creation program being proposed by the kennedy people do you think you're going to be able to push that through do you think you have enough muscle in this convention to do that it looks like it that's an historic democratic concern the democratic party has always been the party of economic hope and opportunity adoption of the jobs plank will keep us in that tradition and i think there's tremendous support for that on the convention floor thank you very much ted atkins massachusetts delegation now over to chris wallace one of the other groups that the carter administration is trying to get on board is women and who have been somewhat dissatisfied at this convention and the specific issue involved in the platform is minority report number 10 which would prohibit giving party funds to any democratic candidate this fall who opposes era presidential assistant anne wexler has been working very hard to try to get the women on board and i understand that today you came up with a sweetener well we feel it's important to help candidates get elected especially those candidates who support the era and we will make an effort in the debate on this minority report right to re-emphasize and rededicate ourselves to helping those people who support the ura and not saying

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support the ura and not saying we're not going to help those who don't you still oppose that cutoff of funds for anti-era canada we i strongly oppose it yes why because we think it's it's a manifestation of single-issue politics and that's not what the democratic party is all about well is the compromise enough are you going to get the women activists on board i don't know we haven't been whipping it very hard we've uh announced our position and we've talked to a lot of people but we've made it very clear that we don't want to split the women in this convention over any issue but especially not the issue of the era on which we're all united anyway a little while ago you told me you thought you were going to lose it well i think we might party truth to people does it really matter what happens at this convention aren't women stuck with the democrats given ronald reagan's position on era i hope women are enthusiastic about the democrats not stuck with them but you do believe that they really can't go to reagan well i think it'd be very foolish no woman who has been involved with the issues of women's rights over the last 10 years would ever go with ronald reagan i don't think and wexler thanks very much on the issue of women now to tom brokaw carol bellamy president of the new york city council a kennedy delegate from new york we were just listening to ann wexler from the white house saying that the president is opposed to the idea of trying democratic candidates to a pro-era position you on the other hand feel that they ought to be well i think it'll make the democratic party's commitment to era stronger i think that can help the democratic party this fall the republicans have turned their back on era and women i think the democrats can pick up some votes for a strong support for era what is it that president carter will have to say here thursday night to bring you into his campaign this fall mr mayor well i'm particularly interested in his comments on the economy how is he prepared to begin to put dollars back into the economy to rebuild the cities of this country what will he do about the farms of this nation what will we do about inflation there are no easy answers no simple gimmickry like the republicans but we've got to hear some policies and

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but we've got to hear some policies and positions articulated by the president if we're going to support him thank you very much carol bellamy president of the new york city council tom pettitt john carlin governor of kansas democrat supporter of president carter how difficult will it be for carter to carry kansas coming out of this convention well it's going to be very difficult traditionally especially in presidential elections we vote

republican not necessarily straight down the ticket for sure but you have to go back to 64 to the last election that a democrat carried kansas so i think it's going to be very difficult i think it can be done because it has been done but you're taking home a very disunited delegation uh governor carlin if we were going home tonight i would agree with you i'm hopeful that in the next uh two or three days that we can do a lot to patch that up we have some delegates that feel very strongly about uh senator kennedy and about the platform issues that he supported and i think with a few uh the reason action right here the the adoption of one of the jobs uh minority reports is going to help considerably uh not totally uh men fences but take a a certainly a step forward so that when we leave here we can be united i think i really think the delegates when they step back and realize that although they lost in some cases as far as kennedy delegates they're gonna realize there's a choice and when they gotta look at that choice it's gonna be to back the president most people in kansas now where the election today would go for reagan though would they not that's true if the elections were held today and i would anticipate would probably stay that way i think carter can improve himself in kansas i think when the voters of kansas more clearly understand the issues and the differences it's going to tighten up whether it'll come to the point where he could actually win i don't know be difficult very difficult thank you very much david today's word here is unity

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david today's word here is unity how much more it is than a word we don't know yet but we will sometimes find out there are great many uh party officials on the floor including one we have just heard saying that the democrats will have a terrible time winning in this state or that state the kennedy group is swarming all over the sheraton center hotel on seventh avenue here in new york we're going over there there now to see what they are doing or trying to do to bring about the unity being discussed steve delaney steve david this is the carter headquarters and the feeling around here is that unity is a good idea but as you suggested a moment ago not much more than that right now in part because there are substantial differences remaining between the kennedy and carter supporters of one sort or another and in part because they've had several months of very intense and sometimes bitter political warfare and the scars from that just don't heal within the span of a day what happened last night in the carter camp's viewpoint was not so much peace in the party although it was a step in that direction as it was kind of a post-war truce and a rather uneasy one a lot of the kennedy supporters don't like the president a lot of the president supporters don't like the senator they've got a long way to go before they can get things together there was a lot of talk earlier today and last night about reconciliation about top-level meetings about perhaps personal meetings between the two sides that hasn't happened yet there's a price for that and the kennedy people are asking for some concessions on program ideas on platform positions and general policies in the carter administration that they just don't like they're not likely to get that because the president has the votes and the nomination almost in hand and doesn't feel that he has to give up too much to get support from senator kennedy senator kennedy would like to have concessions they are not likely and if unity depends on those concessions then unity too is unlikely and at the moment frankly there isn't any not now back to john chancellor in the booth yes and we hear from our reporters on the floor that uh there are a number of people who are

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there are a number of people who are upset on the floor they say that the carter people are pushing too hard for votes for their uh positions on the platform we'll have more coverage of all this after this [Music] now being discussed here in the convention hall is another minority plank offered to the democratic platform this was offered by a group called the women's coalition and is not a contest between carter and kennedy what it says is if passed what it says is the democratic party shall withhold financial support and technical campaign assistance from candidates who do not support the era on the podium now discussing this is eleanor smeal head of the national organization for women it cuts across pension plans and educational plans that's why we say it's time to take strong measures and to withhold support for those who say women are inferior and to stand strongly and united here today and to show this country that we mean what we say when we say we

support the era and we're willing to fight for it and to ratify it in the next 22 months [Applause] that's all right final speaker speaking in favor of the final speaker the final speaker speaking in favor of the minority report number 10 is a delegate from virginia sonia johnson who is the president of mormons for era sonia

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what more can i possibly add than that than has been said about the equal rights amendment i can say that i spent the first years of my life the first half of my life deceived by rhetoric about women in my church how the male leaders loved us and honored us and regarded us as exalted pure and better than they because they said so i believed it it took me a very long time to realize what an enormous gulf there is between what leaders say and how they actually feel and behave when i was catapulted into politics i found the things that are true in churches are true in political parties as well the rhetoric of the republican party about women is very noble it would bring tears to the sentimental eye is as familiar to me as if it came right out of the mormon church's public relations office i know what it means and certainly no one can fault the democratic party's women's rights language let us prove today that no one can fault the democratic party's women's rights actions let us today do something for women let us not talk anymore about helping us we have fought and are fighting a long long hard arduous battle has been made harder than it needs to be because promises made to us have not been kept not just by our enemies

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not been kept not just by our enemies but our friends have betrayed us sonia johnson who was excommunicated from the mormon church last year i believe it was or this year anyway excommunicated for her support of the era jessica savage on the podium is going to tell us how the voting on the telephone system has been going jessica david the voting system up here on the podium has not gone well at all this is what the democrats call the new improved voting system the delegation leaders on the floor call in the delegation vote total to some operators who are up here just behind the podium there's one operator for say there's several states and they take in the results and those results are fed to a computer and then they're tabulated that sounds simple but there have been some problems today number one it takes a very very long time for the delegations to bring in their alternates they're the ones who replace the ones who have maybe gone out to get something to eat or gone out for the day or done whatever number two this was designed to let the convention business here go on while the vote was being tallied however if the chair decides the vote is so important that what was going on would interfere then the chair could put it on hold for a while and that's what happened today this afternoon there were two minority votes the convention was in session for five hours this afternoon that means we're told an hour and 20 minutes or so per roll call vote that's the new system how long was it under the old system about an hour and 20 minutes so really no time was saved this is jessica savage on the podium john the average in 1976 jessica of a roll call vote was 52 minutes things are getting slower as we move into the future in five hours of meeting here in madison square garden today the democrats spent two and a half hours counting doing nothing milling around on

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counting doing nothing milling around on the floor while the delegations made up their mind delegations such as guam and puerto rico very small delegations took an hour to make up their mind it's truly a mess but then at a democratic convention who's surprised we'll be back with more of this convention after this [Music] in the carter kennedy contention here today about minority planks in the platform one earlier today was on the subject of a national health insurance plan the platform calls for national health insurance but it was not as specific as kennedy wanted and he asked to have added to it a minority plank specifying that the that it all be done in one fell swoop one bill everything covered and so on people opposed to it said it would cost 65 billion dollars they voted on that this morning kennedy lost the vote was 1573 to 1349. we it our here's how some of it went beginning with a supporter of kennedy's point of view i will never forget being turned away from hospitals when i needed surgery because i couldn't pay for it i will never forget that my husband had to leave a job because the hospital would only admit me if i were eligible for public assistance my story is not unique

my accident is not unique people all over america and i mean middle class people like myself have mortgaged their futures their children's futures because they don't have adequate insurance i don't think that is right in america i don't think we can wait much longer

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i don't think we can wait much longer soon no one will be able to afford medical care this party has been committed to health care for all americans this party has been committed to controlling health care costs those commitments are long overdue the president has proposed a major first step which would provide over 14 million low-income americans with health care for the first time and it would strengthen the existing medicare program and extend coverage to pregnant women and their children throughout the first year now any major social program is not achieved overnight the very fact that a comprehensive national health insurance program has never gotten out of committee indicates that the comprehensive route will be a more difficult route to follow addressing the program one step at a time not only increases the possibility of achieving our goal more realistically but also will enable us to make certain that each chapter of that program will be carefully written reviewed and implemented well senator kennedy's forces lost on that one but then when a vote was taken here on amending the platform to include a phrase saying that jobs should be guaranteed to all americans who want are and are able to work uh the kennedy forces won on that and the carter force is lost we're going down for some reaction to that now first chris wallace cook is a maryland delegate who was one of those who spoke against the kennedy plan on national health insurance why did you oppose it i posed the minority report number six for three reasons the first reason was because it's inflationary it would cost taxpayers approximately 65 billion dollars secondly i opposed it because democrats across across this land could not run on

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across across this land could not run on that plank and win and third i opposed it because it would give the republican party an opportunity to checkmate us and indicate that we were being inflationary and irresponsible but you know in 1976 the democratic party platform supported comprehensive national health insurance aren't you breaking a promise to the american people no we're not the difference here is that the minority report indicated that they wanted a single comprehensive bill in a single bill they wanted the plan to be incorporated in one unit and that's impossible presently we have four health bills uh before the 95th congress none of which has a bright future we know that it took us 20 years to get medicaid in medicare and here we're going to stay in a single bill and jeopardize all of that which we have uh on the chance that we're going to get that bill enacted that's impossible it's unrealistic it's not practical if we want to do something for poor people then let's go about it in a an appropriate fashion okay thanks very much now to tom brokaw dolores huerta prominent leader of the united farm workers union a kennedy delegate from california you lost on national health insurance this morning ms huerta does that make you any less enthusiastic about the idea of unity coming out of this convention could you support jimmy carter at this point no the president has broken his promises before and he broke a promise on national health insurance that he made to us four years ago and unless we see some dramatic demonstrations that he is going to actually support the democratic tradition i don't see how we or the people that we represent can work for him but you're not inclined to go to ronald reagan i wouldn't guess well there's that's ronald reagan is uh we know him right he we were under him for very for very long but he ignored us and he didn't harass us i think that was the difference and uh we can we will work for congressional

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we can we will work for congressional candidates and for state candidates but not the president unless he can really prove that he is willing to keep a social contract with the people thank you very much dolores huerta of california the united farm workers union now here's tom pettitt fred krull philadelphia a pennsylvania delegate for kennedy president of the brotherhood of railway and airline clerks fred uh why did you lose this the carter people pour it on is that your opinion yeah on the health and welfare issue the carter people really

put a lot of pressure on their delegates to go against the minority report i think it was a mistake on the carter people they're looking for unity and harmony to come out of this convention uh you know ted kennedy and kennedy's forces are still a significant part of the democratic party and you know who can be hurt by national health and welfare what we're saying is somebody needs an operation a major illness why sell chances have a raffle all americans should be entitled to the same type of health and welfare care and the democratic party of all parties should be the ones sponsoring it was a disappointment to us i'm sure it was for you and your forces yes thank you mr cool david thank you it is interesting to recall that president harry truman was advocating some kind of national health plan back in the 40s it's been discussed all these years but other social programs and defense have taken up all the money we'll be back in a moment [Music] national convention here is john chancellor and we're uh five and a half hours into the second session of the democratic convention here on tuesday in new york city the convention debating sometimes very vigorously additions to amendments to the party platform in two hours they will start the one of the main shows of today when senator edward kennedy's forces begin talking about the economic changes they would like to see in the platform and the senator himself will come into the hall and address the convention

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the hall and address the convention in the meantime we are sitting here in pardon me in madison square garden in the middle of new york surrounded by 3 000 policemen fifty policemen on horses and six dogs that are trained to sniff explosives so far with a force like that nothing much has happened but emery king is keeping his eye on all this for us outside the hall emery and john to say that the demonstrations that have taken place so far at the democratic national convention have been mild would be an understatement nevertheless demonstrations are scheduled every night of this convention along eighth avenue here across the medicine square garden at the foot of the stairs of the united states post office building for a stretch of two blocks the demonstration conducted here last night was sponsored by a coalition of gay rights and marijuana legalization organizations the demonstration itself was rather sparsely attended and later drowned out by a rock concert conducted from a flatbed truck at the corner of 8th and 33rd even some of the protesters themselves seem to lose interest in what they were protesting about to go and listen to the music the crowd that you see gathered to my right here are composed of about 150 perhaps 200 people are opposed to the use of nuclear power they just arrived here about 15 minutes ago from central park and they seem to be off to a better start than the people were who were here last night the organizations have scheduled demonstrations for every night of the convention as i mentioned earlier everyone from anti-draft people to animal lovers will be here in an effort to be seen and heard most of the organizations as is usually the case say thousands will come here there have even been some threats of civil disobedience but the new york city police department security detail is at least three thousand strong outside the garden they've issued somewhat of a warning of their own which is simply they are prepared to handle any situation that arises and will make arrests whenever necessary nevertheless there is no reason at this point to believe that things should get out of hand now let's go over to linda elevator inside the garden at the delegate entrance the security today has been if not more relaxed at least more

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if not more relaxed at least more efficient by that i mean things have tended to work the way they were intended yesterday there were lines of delegates there was confusion for example we stood here and watched hamilton jordan have to produce three extra pieces of identification to get in it was kind of funny and we would have showed it to you except that security only let two members of our crew stand here and sadly neither one was the cameraman if the security seems tough it is because there is a need for it to be so and if it seems confusing there is a need if you look behind me i think you will see about 40 to 50 security people new york city police department democratic the democrats madison square garden secret service and probably a few that i don't know what they're doing but so far at the delegates entrance today there really are no major problems except at once they did have a terrible time x-raying the chocolate milk and now to david brinkley in the booth where we have a little news linda here on the floor just this second they have adopted an amendment to the democratic platform saying quote the democratic party shall withhold financial support

and technical campaign assistance from candidates who do not support the era i haven't got the vote yet but in any case has been adopted it was a voice vote it was added to the platform now we're going out on our bella abzug who is always out front in the women's movement is on the floor and who ken bodie is talking with her ken no she's addressing the convention [Music] convention has gone on record as being prepared to take some meaningful action in support of ratification of the equal rights amendment [Music] mrs absolute is pleased that the

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mrs absolute is pleased that the convention has adopted it the wording says the democratic party shall withhold financial support and connect technical campaign assistance from candidates who do not support the era the white house as we heard from ann wexler just a few minutes ago is against that because they say that's single issue politics and they didn't want it in the platform they lost david they lost ken buddy is down at the carter trailer where they have as i say just suffered a defeat ken david i'm just standing outside the carter command post where i spoke a moment ago to ann wexler about their strategy for the balance of these minority reports on the platform as you probably know the carter command post decided to call off the whips on the era position on the era minority report even though the president and the carter campaign have opposed this all along they decided they would not enforce discipline on the floor they would tell the delegates to vote their conscience they intend to do exactly the same thing on the next minority report number 11 which is the minority report on reproductive rights what ann westler said was on era we don't want the democratic party looking like it it's fighting over era we don't want democratic women pitted against one another on that issue nor on the issue of reproductive rights she added however that the president would not change his position on abortion on federal funding for abortion he personally opposes it and even if this convention passes that which they're very likely to do in a few minutes as long as the carter campaign will not whip on that issue either he will not change his position and therefore sometime sometime between now and tomorrow night when his name is placed in nomination president carter will have to file with this convention something of a statement of his objections to the platform planks that are now being adopted on the floor he'll do that says ann wechsler but he'll do it in very vague language now you recall that's the platform accountability plan that was passed a couple days ago by compromise between the kennedy and carter camp campaigns so what's happening down here in effect

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so what's happening down here in effect is that the carter campaign wants unity and they're willing to throw a few to the kennedy people to get that unity but one important point they're not ready at least they say so right now to give up on the entire stimulus package the economic stimulus package which is most important to the kennedy campaign which senator kennedy will speak on before this convention tonight and which is most important also to beat for the carter campaign back to the booth to david brinkley thank you andrea mitchell reports to us that vice president mondale has talked to senator kennedy and has arranged i gather to go and see him but we don't know yet exactly when we'll try to get the details nbc's john ellis tells us that president carter and senator kennedy have tentatively arranged a private meeting tomorrow at two o'clock in the president's suite now tonight the debate on the platform will center around issues involving national public economics mike jensen out on our front porch has a report on what some of this is going to be about mike david judging by some of the excitement that's going on on the floor now we may have some very interesting moments on the floor with the economic debate it's pretty much of a foregone conclusion that no matter what economic planks are adopted at this convention president carter will do pretty much what he wants if he is re-elected he's playing ball with the kennedy people on some planks because he wants senator kennedy's support in the election not necessarily because he believes in those economic positions there are two kennedy proposals that the president simply will not accept he has been against them ever since he took office but one of those is the 12 billion dollar job program uh and the other is wage and price controls so that's where the battle line is drawn tonight but the big question is why does anybody care about this anyway

if the president isn't likely to pay attention to the economic platform that's accepted and the answer to that is that senator kennedy cares because this is really his last chance to put his stamp on this convention and a lot of the delegates care because

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and a lot of the delegates care because they have hopes that perhaps the new congress that's elected may say pay some attention to the platform even if the president doesn't so there'll be a lot of speeches tonight including one by senator kennedy there'll be a vote by the delegates and that will be interesting because that will give us some idea how much of the old economic liberalism is left in the democratic party john thank you very much mike and we're going down to the floor now this has got some reaction to all of these this economic talk that is going to seize this convention for a couple of hours tonight down here in the ohio delegation of martin hughes the chairman of the delegation he is also the international vice president of the communication workers of america and a strong and long time carter supporter mr hughes yesterday we were talking last night you were hoping to be a compromise on the kennedy jobs minority report this morning we came into the convention hall a letter has been distributed to all of the delegates the labor people here on the stationary of the afl-cio over the signature of wayne kirkland the president telling people that the afl-cio will support the kennedy minority report on job creation the 12 billion dollar program now do you think this means that kennedy has the votes to pass it well i don't think it's necessarily a kennedy carter issue there are 170 organizations in the united states who have supported this position and the roll call on this won't be to later this evening sometime i'm still hopeful that something can be worked out in that regard but i think it's long overdue that there'd be a job stimulus program do you think this is an effort though to put pressure on carter to get him to uh move along and get a compromise with kennedy i know there'd be pressure or not but i think if there would be a compromise it certainly would unify this convention thank you very much martin hughes of the afl-cio the ohio delegation now over to chris wallace ken walsh is a delegate from washington and a member of the international association of machinists and his union does not like jimmy carter's economic policies at all why not we don't feel that he's done anything to

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we don't feel that he's done anything to get new jobs in this country and uh we're not going to support him do you support this 12 million dollar program yes i do there's some talk that you people are so upset with carter programs that uh you're going to walk out that's right you are yes we are on thursday we will be walking out how many of you are there right now i don't know how many are going to be there but i know all the machinists are going to be walking out are you really willing to divide the democratic party that way i mean some people will say you're throwing the election to ronald reagan no we're not we're going to support the democratic tickets throughout the country we're going to support every democrat there is we just feel that we cannot support jimmy carter and we're not going to ken wall from washington thanks very much for americans are not allowed ray mageris united auto workers carter delegate wisconsin you're right right are these uh changes in the platform meeting with your approval that is the guaranteed job for one thing jobs are very important to everybody in this party everybody in this country and i did vote for the guaranteed jobs and most of our labor delegates that are here voted for them also so that does mean with my approval i think it's absolutely necessary that we do that now the labor establishment if you will and the white house establishment that is afl-cio labor secretary martial who was just here a minute ago are saying vote no on the 12 billion dollar stimulus plan how are you going to vote on that we're going to vote for the 12 billion dollars and we think that's important and the fact that the administration opposes you know that doesn't uh hurt where you hurt us so we make up our own minds about that we can afford to have that kind of difference of opinion so we'll be urging that program to be adopted thanks very much raymond chairs to tom brokaw bobby crims speaker of the house of representatives in michigan a big and important industrial state a kennedy delegate here apparently president carter is going to hold the line on this 12 billion dollar

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hold the line on this 12 billion dollar jobs program that comes before this convention tonight that is he thinks it's too detailed and too expensive will that make you less enthusiastic about supporting president carter this fall it makes it a little more difficult of course because it's so important to us in michigan leading the nation in unemployment we must reach out for jobs however and wherever we can get them the government as a employer of last resort even we will support uh carter in michigan this delegation will because i think principally the alternative being reagan and the policies that he espouses it will make it a little more difficult if we don't get the jobs uh plank in the platform going back to michigan with a 15 unemployment rate speaker bobby kram of the michigan house of representatives and now david in the platform votes so far carter has won one and lost two we'll be back in a moment today and tonight are the platform and the carter forces are not doing as well as they might have hoped out on our front porch john chancellor is talking with stuart eisenstadt of the white house staff who has been involved in their platform thinking john stuart eisenstad is the president's assistant for domestic affairs and policy and has been deeply involved in the negotiations on compromises on the platform the convention has gone against your view in the president's view in advocating that party funds should be kept back from any candidate who supports era what's your reaction to that mr eisenstein well our concern with it did not have to do with support for the era president's a very strong supporter of it the majority language indeed indicated that no convention or major party activity should occur in a non-era state we were simply concerned that this would be a divisive issue and that an otherwise qualified

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and that an otherwise qualified candidate would not qualify for campaign assistance from the democratic party we hope that it will not be a divisive issue one of our reporters ken bode reported that the white house pulled its whips back in other words did not really lean on its supporters on that one is that an indication of a change in the carter position on the convention floor no i don't think so we've made it clear our position on each of these issues we tried to get the delegates to support our positions we recognize many of these issues are very contentious and they're going to be very closely divided but we have tried to win on those minority reports still remaining as you're aware we've compromised most of the outstanding disputes but have you heard that you were less willing to enforce discipline on your delegates on that particular one not until you just mentioned it to me well it has to be true we've reported it let me ask you one broader question in reading the various proposals that are made by the carter side and by the kennedy side it just seems to me that there is a lot of room for compromise on these things a word here a phrase there would you tell me about that there is a lot of room for compromise that's why during the drafting process for this platform almost all of the issues were compromised only 18 were left and as a result of more recent compromises only nine were left even those could be compromised i think by and large if there were a will on both sides and is there a willingness on your side to go and compromise that with changes here and there the president obviously wants to maintain his own policies and we don't want to shift those policies and an incumbent president can't shift those policies just to get a few votes here and there for a platform however within those policies we would like to see as much of a compromise as possible so that we have as few divisive issues outstanding as possible finally in a word are you more willing to compromise than they are well we had indicated after the senator's announcement last night that we would like to sit down and talk about the remaining nine outstanding kennedy minority planks they

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outstanding kennedy minority planks they indicated that they wanted to take those to the floor uh and not compromise them we understand their position and we'll simply have to do the best under those circumstances stewart eisenstadt thank you very very much david john i want to repeat little news i gave a minute ago it is from nbc's john ellis who tells us he has learned that president carter and senator kennedy tentatively are scheduled to meet privately tomorrow two in the afternoon in the president's suite now during this convention as during the republican in detroit we have invited members officials of the opposing party to watch and listen and give us whatever comments they care to make now we're going to hear from them and they're with bill monroe in washington bill thank you david with me the chairman of the republican party bill

brock and senator john warner of virginia chairman black when parties argue they talk about the vitality they're displaying when they don't argue they talk about the unity they're displaying what would be your comment on whether the democrats are engaging in good politics in terms of what we're seeing this afternoon i think it's disastrous they're not talking about unity they're talking about how to exclude people from their process the uh the argument that they should not go to any state that hadn't ratified era as an attack upon those states their argument that uh that they shouldn't support any democrat who didn't agree with the party position on that one issue is a litmus test kind of politics and what you're seeing is a is a breakup of the old coalition i think it's a very sad thing are you seeing a lot of good news for republicans in the democratic carryings on this afternoon senator warren i see regrettable news for america as a whole i know as an elected united states senator i wouldn't want anybody pointing their finger at me a single issue and say either you do this or we're not going to support you just talk about the jobs program it's key to america that we have jobs but there's a clear distinction

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but there's a clear distinction between governor reagan's approach namely jobs in the private sector lasting jobs one you can count on for several years and the public jobs this giveaway program that's dependent on the will of the congress each year to appropriate the money i wouldn't want a youngster of mine to take a job depending on the will of the congress year after year you gentlemen are critical of the democrats passing this plank saying they're not going to give any official party help to candidates who are anti-era are the two of you happy with your own party's platform on the era turning against the era for the first time in decades in terms of the republican platform when polls show the era is quite popular bill we didn't turn against era we we didn't turn against equal rights at all we simply changed the stance of the party in the sense that there was no explicit endorsement of a particular tactic to achieve equality was not important enough to put in the constitution no no no we didn't we said that equal rights was a fundamental cause and an absolute total commitment of the republican party but there are good people on both sides and they have a right to choose the best tactic of achieving equal rights many of us have supported the equal rights amendment we simply are not going to exclude the opportunity for any candidate to choose the best route to to do what is fundamentally important and that is to give women a full right of participation in this country of ours that's a very different approach from the litmus test kind of a disavow of their own party members that the democrats have done thank you very much chairman brock and senator warner now back to madison square garden well here's where we stand in new york city as of this hour nbc news reported that the president was scheduled to meet in his suite at the sheraton center with senator kennedy tomorrow at two o'clock in the afternoon the kennedy people have called us to say they have no information to support that story on the floor here as they are trying to amend and alter the platform senator kennedy won a vote uh which

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senator kennedy won a vote uh which would add to the platform a promise to guarantee jobs to any american able to hold one uh senator kennedy lost on his proposal that a national health insurance program be in it made part of the platform that recommendation and we'll be having more a lot of it on economics now down to the floor for some previews and reactions to all this yes as a matter of fact john this is tom brokaw down in the west virginia california delegation i just had a kennedy person come up to me and say that he didn't think that that meeting would take place tomorrow he heard that the center was going to hang tough it seems to me that that's the story this repair job that they were talking about last night is by no means complete a lot to be done still on the platform which is important to democrats especially the kennedy delegates and a lot will depend on what president carter has to say here thursday night on whether he can heal the wounds that clearly still exists on this floor so we have a continuing story this is chris wallace and i guess i'd really second tom brokaw's motion it strikes me that for all the euphoria and the carter camp yesterday about their easy victory over ted kennedy they still have a lot of problems in this party in just this just in this hour hold on apparently we have some news from judy woodruff off the floor let's go to her right away is there a meeting planned between the president and senator kennedy we're talking with press secretary jody powell about a meeting tomorrow between the president and senator kennedy at this point not

have they talked it's just the wrong it's just whoever gave you that gave you a bum steer have they talked at all jody not since no not since they spoke uh yesterday evening will the vice president be meeting with the senator tomorrow your bad story you try to salvage it not don't ask me to do it for you there's staff meetings between the carter and we've been in touch with them we've been in touch with them uh off and on throughout the beginning of the convention but uh nothing substantive at this point on uh a meeting at platform scheduled with kurt paul kirk and hamilton or anything like that i wouldn't be surprised if either mr moe or mr jordan and mr kirk got together at some point later on

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got together at some point later on today or tomorrow what would the purpose of that meeting be well i suppose we'll discuss matters of mutual interest for example well uh hopefully winning the election in uh in the fall not that i know i've known do you think it's logical that the president once he gets here might want to meet with a senator tomorrow oh i just don't know about that i think that's uh that's something we'll have to deal with as things go on uh today and tomorrow jody what are the part of people doing to uh stroke or win over the kennedy delegates who remain unconvinced well that is a process which uh is usually not accomplished in a night or even in a week and there's no magic uh solution to it you just talk with people you have people that that support the president who have the respect of those who may be undecided at this point talk with them it takes a while to do it but i think in the end most good democrats will act like good democrats how big a blow will it be if you lose this minority report number three tonight well the president's position on the economy is uh is quite clear it's been established for the past several weeks that an economic renewal plan is in the works to be announced within the next few weeks so that process is is underway we'll take into consideration certainly uh the ideas and views uh in a general sense expressed by uh all segments of the democratic party but in the end a president has to make in that oval office decisions based upon weighing as carefully as he can the mix of national and international pressures and and and balancing concerns at home and abroad you really can't write detailed economic policy at a convention i don't think anybody here really thinks that a convention should do that i think there are people that want to express uh at least a symbolic fashion their concern a concern which is felt on the part of the administration about about the economy

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economy thank you we've been talking with presidential press secretary jody powell who says that there are no plans now for the president to meet with senator kennedy tomorrow although he said those could change and now back to the anchor booth thank you judy we'll be uh here tonight in for the session in full including the kennedy speech to the convention and our coverage will begin with the nbc nightly news at 6 30 eastern time in the meantime we thank you for being with us and we'll see you shortly live from madison square garden in new york city nbc news reports the 1980 democratic national convention [Music] foreign now reporting from the nbc news convention center in madison square garden here are john chancellor and david brinkley good evening we are here in madison square garden full of democrats many of them happy many of them unhappy and a few of them so furious they're talking or walking out we'll see if they do tonight's big event is the speech to the convention by

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is the speech to the convention by senator kennedy due in about a half hour or so since the carter people have the nominations sewed up their strategy now is to be as sweet to kennedy as they possibly can be hoping to win his support and help in the campaign john i would not be surprised to see them sending him whitman samplers and playing violins under his hotel window well they have been to some degree we think conciliatory this afternoon the carter campaign floor whips where the people who keep their delegates in line were withdrawn on some plank debates this afternoon as they were talking about revising the platform it was a kind of win some lose some afternoon for kennedy and for the president uh kennedy lost the convention did not approve in addition to the plank he wanted calling for a guaranteed health insurance program national

health insurance the white house lost three of them one on the uh opposing kennedy on a jobs guarantee program another one the white house didn't want it wasn't a kennedy proposal on era and politicians and the third one on abortion and medicaid also not a kennedy proposal so the score is mixed here and what we are discussing this evening are a series of proposals made by kennedy on the economic aspects of the democratic platform and among them is one you'll hear a good bit about its proposal minority report number three it's called it is an anti-recession set of proposals kennedy's now famous 12 billion dollar job program which he says would create eight hundred thousand jobs another one billion dollars for a railroad renewal program and a program to help the housing industry both sides have been talking about compromise and judy woodruff who is with the carter forces here has more on the possibility of a compromise judy john the compromise the carter people have have floated now in the last 30 minutes here on the convention floor and they've sent copies of it out to all the delegates

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delegates in includes language that the president will use when he proposes a new economic recovery proposal next month uh as you know the carter people are say that they that this administration can just not afford the 12 billion dollar jobs program that that is in the kennedy language in that minority report so what we see in the compromise language is such language as targeted tax incentives direct programs and aid to revitalize our industry and counter cyclical assistance to cities and counties as they say in order to put america back to work they say it will mean hundreds of thousands of jobs in the next 12 months this is their attempt at this late hour to get the kennedy camp to accept this compromised language they've been trying to do it all day long there have been phone calls back and forth between carter campaign officials kennedy campaign officials they haven't been able to work anything out so here we have at this late hour just an hour or two before they begin the debate and the vote and attempt to get the kennedy people once again to accept this compromise language they are going to attempt we are told to to suspend the rules so that they can take up the compromise all that is a parliamentary matter that we can explain later on and now to garrick utley who's out on the convention floor where it is very active here in the ohio delegation all the delegations around here for the last hour the tide has been moving very heavily towards the kennedy position on the jobs creation program and pennsylvania and ohio and other states with indication of a large number of carter defections in michigan for example where the delegation is split almost evenly between carter and kennedy the carter man i talked to there call it a disaster area the uaw douglas fraser sent on a letter urging support for the for the kennedy position on the job creation program and the carter person in michigan thought that of 70 carter delegates he might be able to hold only 15 it was that bad a situation that's what he was reporting back to the carter trailer so

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reporting back to the carter trailer so the carter people are out here in force including stuart eisenstadt the president's advisor on domestic affairs this compromise is now floating around the floor mr eisenstadt is this your idea is this the carter initiative or is it coming from somewhere else this is an initiative that has come from some third parties mayors and others interested in party unity it's something that we think is important that we have talked with them about and that we subscribe to and we hope it's the kind of program that we can all unite around you have accepted it now but the kennedy people apparently have rejected it paul kirk uh kennedy's a top operative here he just about two minutes ago he went down this aisle and he said they were categorical they made it clear that they want to try to enact another platform their 12 billion dollar stimulus package we think that that's not wise economics and we have opposed it the president will have his own economic recovery program which he will announce shortly it will be a program which will create jobs with which will help with unemployment but it will not reignite inflation we're talking about economics but we're also talking about politics in a very politically charged situation do you have the votes to hold your position or is it going to kennedy tonight i think it's going to be very close but we're hopeful and only time will tell was there any possibilities or any parliamentary device that could be used to get this compromised proposal brought before the convention itself for a vote it can be done through a suspension of the rules which requires a two-thirds vote are you going to try for that it'll depend on what happens i think on the vote

on the basic minority report and when will that decision be made do you think only after i would assume the minority report is voted on if it is rejected then this might be something that is more attractive to the kennedy people than it is at this point we think it's an important uh step toward party unity it's consistent with the economic recovery program the president will be announcing shortly thank you very much stewart eisenstein the president's adviser on domestic affairs now over to tom pettitt with us collins of illinois chairman of

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with us collins of illinois chairman of the democratic black chairman of the black caucus in the united states congress you've been involved in conversations trying to work out the compromise the sticking point is the 12 billion dollar figure what is the new compromise that the black group is proposing all right what we're saying is this is that if minority appointment number three does not pass and i have some reasons to believe that it will not pass then we have to have a fall back position i believe that we have come up with language that will permit all the delegates to leave here with an understanding of what our economy is going to be we've talked about targeted assistance for example targeted tax incentives direct programs that are going to aid and revitalize our industry that's how the 12 billion figure is not in this compromise nor is it x number of jobs in this compromise well how do you expect to get around to 12 billion we don't expect to get around it we expect for it to be a a position that everybody can live the president has said that our this economic recovery program will create hundreds of thousands of jobs beginning on october the 1st 1980 and this is in the immediate time for 12 months and in addition to that the president has said that the above proposal that we have helped to write is the language that the president is prepared to associate himself with regardless of whether minority plant number three flies well you were a kennedy uh supporter will that sell to the kennedy people in the delegation i believe that the kennedy people want to see the democratic party prevail in november of 1980 i understand fully that they're working right this minute for their plane but in the absence of the passage of their point then they too have to have a fallback position i think this is it i think this is what we need do you think that's acceptable to the kennedy delegates i believe that at this moment while they're talking about minority plate number three they're going all the way for that but when that fails then

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way for that but when that fails then this will be acceptable i believe to the kennedy people thank you very much u.s representative curtis collins of illinois the plan you heard stuart eisenstadt the mayor the president's man talking about brought up by democratic mayors comes from the national conference of democratic mayors and it is in fact a program with tax incentives and spending programs in it to aid cities throughout housing transit and public works projects the interesting thing about the 14-point plan put out by the mayors is that it does not carry a specific figure the white house does not want to be committed to a platform that has a specific figure in it such as senator kennedy's 12 billion dollar proposal the interesting thing about the mayor's plan is that although they don't have a number on it david when asked how much it would cost next year they said 16 billion dollars what do you suppose they got to figure i don't know senator kennedy the hall is about as nearly full as it has been anytime since we came here monday morning senator kennedy will appear shortly for a speech to the hall one that we expect will arouse the delegates as they have not been before we will of course be here for that in the meantime we're going down to the floor and here chris wallace who has a report about the prospects for kennedy working with carter in the campaign chris david top kennedy aides say that the senator will end the mystery tonight and announce his support for jimmy carter kennedy will say that he and carter will march together according to aids spending all doubts that he might not support the democratic nominee some questions are still left open however they'd say that kennedy has not yet decided whether or not to come to the podium here on thursday night in a show of unity with carter he has not decided yet whether he will campaign with carter in the fall they say those decisions will be resolved by the economic vote tonight and how mr carter reacts to that vote but they say that one thing is settled that ted kennedy will tell this convention tonight he supports the entire democratic ticket

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entire democratic ticket i'm chris wallace on the floor the kennedy family has arrived in the hall and is seated at the far end of the auditorium and the vip seats waiting for the speech his speech which will be along shortly john well there's john douglas on your screen there on the left one of the uh senator's closest advisors and aides going back many many years other members of the family notably ethel kennedy there in the front row i can't see too clearly from here is that dick goodwin and doris kearns mr and mrs goodwin they are writers and uh she is a scholar who has written much about um lyndon johnson and other democrats and other members of the family there waiting for the senator's appearance here that is scheduled for something like 17 minutes but things have been running late i wouldn't set you watch to that but soon senator kennedy in a dramatic moment addressing this convention more coverage after this [Music] here with us is mrs lillian carter president's mother how are you oh i'm just fine mr brinkley are you enjoying don't call me mr dave david i'm fine i love being here you're enjoying the convention yes i am enjoying it all right i have a question for you last night about 10 o'clock president of senator kennedy decided to withdraw before he did he called president carter and told him what he was going to do did the president tell you about it then no he didn't i didn't talk to jim until it was all over and uh but i really did appreciate what mr kennedy said i thought he made the most graceful speech i've ever heard and it was difficult and i do appreciate it when the president told you about it what did he say he just said mr kennedy called him and that's all he said we didn't talk very long mrs carter how have you spent your day in new york city today

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spent your day in new york city today yes i'm curious you how many caucuses have you been to four today and then out to lunch and then i've had interviews you know i just i say this all the time and now you're appearing on television programs this is what i like best you're supposed to shop in new york haven't you done it i never do i hate shopping uh the only shopping i like to do is a grocery shopping if i need dresses they bring them to me and i don't i don't have many i don't like dresses i mean plant suits most of the time are you going to be seated down in the vip section so yes um to hear the kennedy speech i want to yeah looking forward to it i just meant to strive for children all the girls they are awfully nice everywhere i go i meet a kennedy so i know the whole crowd and that's plenty of you're very much a political person i love it yes i've always been political can i ask you a political question yeah is your uh husband is your son going to recover from the far down position he is in the polls because he's already recovering you're predicting victory in the house of course i am i have always been optimistic about jimmy i believe what he says and he says he's going to win have you been following the newspapers and the about your other son billy yes but if you don't mind i'd rather not talk about it it's kind of not the right time because he's being investigated right now and i don't think i should talk about that let me ask you this um nothing is certain in politics if your son is not re-elected this time do you think he'd be happy going back to plains i don't know i'd be happy to have him sometimes a lot of things i need done that nobody can do but jimmy like what like help me get the yards clean you know he's a great he's great be cleaning up the yards and you want him to do the raking and mowing along i like for him too because it's hard to get into my name uh i don't get an ex-president yeah well why not he comes to my house and fishes yeah he can fish with me i live right at the little lake and i fish nearly every day so you think he would enjoy being back there if it

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he would enjoy being back there if it came today no i don't know whether he would or not i think he'd have to get accustomed to it i know i'd have to get accustomed to his kind of life i think it'd be the same thing with him coming back to planes mrs carter you know jimmy carter about as well as anybody in the world what was the quality in him that got him to be president of the united states i always think about one thing his integrity jim has always been truthful he's been honest he's been square with people i don't know he has a way about him that makes everybody love him they love me like that too well but there are a lot of people who have integrity in the united states i'm glad to say and you're glad to hear what what special thing about jimmy carter well i guess he became political i mean he wanted to be president because he had politics in his bones my heart my husband was a member of the legislature when he died my father was a great politician i came natural and i don't know he's just a i think because he has presidential timber is that what you call it

that's what people call it yes i've never been quite certain what it meant but that's what i don't know either so this well after the after the nomination is settled and the convention is over your son is going to camp david i believe are you going there no i don't go up there much you know where i want to go back to plains it's a small town as you know and i have a little house out of the lake and i have a dog and i'm free of that than i am anyway i had to move out of town on kind of the tourists now we don't have any tools it's just not worth going to town fall well this house i gather the yard is not a very good ship you need somebody to come well i need the woods cleaned up around my house mrs carter i can get you david brinkley at uh seven and a half an hour and he doesn't do windows he doesn't do windows how do you do laundry i'll tell you one thing i hate is people say they can't get a job i'll give anybody a job if they really want to work well this is a pretty good

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want to work well this is a pretty good uh classified ad um situation you've got here do you want to advertise now for somebody who wants the odd way yeah what do you pay minimum minimum wage just to clean up my yard are you looking for a job i may be after this uh i want to thank you for coming on i'd love to meet you thank you thank you good luck to you thank you thank you let me get jimmy elected and that's all the p i want all right well i'm sure you'll do your best thank you we'll have more coverage of the democratic conventions after this so the question of the moment here at the democratic convention is this will the kennedy people accept the compromise language on the 12 billion dollar jobs proposal that senator kennedy has made a compromise offered by but not of the carter campaign garrett gutley has some information on that on the convention floor with paul kirk the national political director of the kennedy campaign mr kirk senator will be here just a few minutes to speak but there has been this last minute effort to draw up a compromise on the jobs creation program you have rejected it yes we uh actually we haven't seen the language well here's the language right here they do better with you than they do they do better than we do uh the kennedy the carter people are putting this out um are you saying that you have not seen this or your people have not seen this no i think what happened was that we made our intentions clear to go forward on the minority plank which calls for 12 billion uh dollars to relieve nine million people who are unemployed in the country and we made our stand on that we're going to go forward with it i think what's happening eric is that they sense that the party wants

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is that they sense that the party wants that plank and they don't want to incur a loss on it here at the convention i think the issue is much broader than that i think we have to try and relieve the people who are unemployed and to be ashamed if the democratic nominee who quite clearly now will be president carter has to defend this kind of thing against the republicans in the fall let me ask you this question right here a few minutes before the senator comes less than an hour before the roll call will start on this on this very important issue the carter people are offering this and you have rejected it without looking at it just because you want to go ahead with your position no they never submitted it to us to look at i think this this was out on the floor among the delegates to sort of show i don't know what they were attempting to do i think undercut the vote itself but in terms of coming to us and talking about the language they didn't we talked about it today and we indicated we're going to go forward with our with our plans so this is just a tactical ploy on the car department now how much do you think you're going to win tonight how much you're going to win five it's hard to measure i think it's unfortunate that the fellow's going to be a democratic nominee is whipping his delegates against a substantial jobs program i think it's short-sighted i think the party needs our plank it's hard to measure just how the vote will come out now senator kennedy in his speech tonight what is he going to say about jimmy carter he'll be talking principally about jobs but is he going to offer we've had reports he'll offer an endorsement or at least a commitment to jimmy carter well i think that uh speech will come from senator kennedy he's been the spokesperson of the campaign and the best one uh really within our ranks and i think we'll let it speak for itself will senator kennedy stay in new york for the rest of this convention or do you think he might leave after his speech tonight i expect he'll be here good to be here thank you very much paul kirk

the national political director for the kennedy campaign now over to tom brokaw i'm standing on in front of the large and very active california delegation also west virginia of course the fact is that that proposed jobs compromise not only did not get off the ground here it didn't even get its motor started i

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it didn't even get its motor started i was checking with a number of both the key kennedy and carter operatives in this area many of them had not even heard about it the kennedy people that i asked about it said no deal whatsoever we want to vote on the 12 billion dollar jobs program and we're going to stay with it i see ron brown one of the key kennedy operatives working right now down here in the west virginia section and they're spread all over here california as you know heavily for kennedy determined to make a stand on this jobs program and they think that they can they can win it they're not interested in a compromise that they've not even heard of in most instances that also includes the key carter people and now to david brinkley thank you the whole madison square garden is filling up as it has not since the convention began presumably because of the provocative arguments about the platform and because i would suspect mainly because of the speech tonight by senator kennedy carol simpson is at one of the delegate entrances carol david i have been polling kind of a little informal simpson poll you might call it of the delegates as they've been streaming uh into the hall from brief dinners that they had and the areas around madison square garden and they're they're feeling a downer i mean a lot of them say that the convention is over um there's no suspense no excitement left the only thing they think is exciting is senator kennedy's speech tonight apparently in many of the delegations there has been talk of bolting the party in favor of john anderson there's been efforts on the part of carter delegates to bury the hatchet and a lot of the delegates are waiting to hear what senator kennedy says they feel that what he says will determine whether or not people will go for john anderson instead of supporting carter they want to find out if he is going to give a strong endorsement of the carter ticket and they say that's going to determine whether people leave here on thursday unified so we are they're really anxious to see

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so we are they're really anxious to see what senator kennedy has to say so we'll all be watching that back to you john the carter administration is present at this convention in more ways than one the entire cabinet was brought up here this week to be with the president for these ceremonies but also to do a little political work our correspondent ken bodie has been out on the floor and ken bode reports that the pressure is on from the carpet carter cabinet members patricia harris the secretary of health and human services is now in the pennsylvania delegation william miller the secretary of the treasury is sitting in the illinois delegation ray marshall the secretary of agriculture is with the florida delegation politics hardball in madison square garden more after this from madison square garden in new york city nbc news reports the 1980 democratic national convention brought to you in part by mcdonnell douglas builders of the dc-10 now serving 90 nations flying a million miles a day [Music] so [Music] now reporting from the nbc news convention center in madison square garden here is david brinkley in madison square

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here is david brinkley in madison square garden the democrats have almost filled a place awaiting the arrival of senator kennedy a few minutes from now he will speak in the meantime the carter people are applying all the pressure they can find to their delegates to persuade them to vote their way on the platform question coming up the kennedy people are watching this operation with some awe recalling a remark one of them made about the carter campaign earlier this year he said the carter operators they're like ants you're at a picnic suddenly you look up in a ham sandwich is marching off the table john they here that issue is a minority report that the kennedy forces have presented to this platform committee saying we want to change your the economic parts of your platform you'll hear us talking about minority report number three that calls for twelve billion dollars to be spent creating eight hundred thousand jobs a one billion dollar program for revitalizing railroads and various other matters very traditional job-oriented uh kennedy-style politics the

carter people don't want that they want the platform to remain as it is not to be amended senator kennedy will speak this evening in favor of his proposal as others are speaking for him now and against him on president carter's behalf then we think there will be a roll call now there have been compromise proposals offered to this one from the national democratic council of mayors which would actually cost 16 billion dollars but it doesn't mention the sum and there is talk of a compromise our feeling at this hour is that the kennedy forces will not move that they will force a roll call vote to see if they can hold their people together on this traditional and quite orthodox democratic proposal for jobs jobs jobs which the carter people don't want if the kennedy people are defeated then there may be other compromises we're not sure how it's going to go tonight perhaps tom pettit is he's down on the convention floor tom with fred kroll a union official and also a kennedy delegate in the

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and also a kennedy delegate in the pennsylvania delegation you were telling me and paul tully of the kennedy campaign that this was going to be no compromise certainly definitely no compromise between the kennedy and carter people here this is a jobs issue the kennedy people will not compromise the carter people are putting all kind of pressure on eisenstein was down here talking to the delegation jesse jackson speaking on behalf of carter landon butler secretary of transportation goldschmidt but i think we have kept our label our labor people together and from that we have built a broad consensus of the pennsylvania delegation where we have a lot of unemployment in pennsylvania we have conrail and amtrak uh who are just about hanging in there and with the this program this minority report three we can rebuild the railroads and put a lot of our people to work in pennsylvania and i think the pennsylvania delegation will vote 80 to 90 percent in favor of minority report three no platform ever put anybody to work a candidate and a congress and a president have to do that well you heard about the other resolution tom where the uh the president has to agree with the platform or or explain why he's not going to agree i think it'd be very difficult for president carter to explain why he could not agree to create more jobs put more people to work with the economy the way it's going and we're hopeful of this program will give us the initiative give carter the initiative to put more people to work and uh union uh leaders and labor leaders generally want that 12 billion dollar figure in there most certainly and we will not compromise on that we're insistent on the 12 billion figure and part of that is 1 billion for the rebuild rebuilding the railroads and we're not backing off there's no compromise it's win everything or lose everything on this issue if you lose this one you have lost everything at the convention i i would think so and i think if that happens the carter people have overkilled and are really going to damage the the effort to have unity and harmony and this is all what we're all working for thank you tom tom brokaw chris jackman a carter delegate speaker of the new jersey house of representatives

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jersey house of representatives you've got 45 carter delegate votes in new jersey you're about to give 43 43-44 to senator kennedy senator kennedy for a yes vote on the economical change yes president carter says this is a real litmus test he can't be tied to those figures we have to think in terms of jobs i'm a labor man first number one number two the importance of jobs in our state is there we've got a high unemployment we need the jobs and i think this could turn around not only that i believe this could be helpful in bringing the kennedy people closer together with carter in order for a victory in november any pressure from the white house so far not as far as i'm concerned pressure doesn't mean nothing to me i think i try to be practical and think what's good and best for the people i represent all right chris jackman speaker of the new jersey house of representatives of carter delegate giving at least 43 carter votes to ted kennedy on this important issue here's chris wallace i'm here in the illinois delegation with treasury secretary william miller who's been working the delegation like a chicago precinct captain is that a pretty fair description well no not at all i'm here trying to help people understand what are complicated complicated economic issues and since that's my primary responsibility i feel i should be available to answer their questions is that kind of an unusual role for a treasury secretary to be working the floor of a convention well it's not unusual for me to be interested in people and interested in talking about with them and interested in sharing with them the concerns about complex matters which affect their lives i don't think that's unusual why did you come up with this

compromise at the last moment the one that you've been trying to sell to these delegates this is not uh compromised by the cardinal mondale it's a compromise that was worked out by a group of uh mayors dick hatcher mayor collins coleman young others would you support the conference but we it was presented to us and it bridges over and eliminates some of the concerns we have about minority report three so we're willing to accept it and we wanted people uh throughout the floor to know that this compromise is

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floor to know that this compromise is is likely to be presented not by us but by others and we want them to understand what it means and that if it is presented we'll be willing to support it what's wrong with the kennedy plan well it has several things that omit some very important things that we think should be stated it omits the strengthening of the national accord between the we worked out between administration and labor leadership it omits some of the uh programs that we already have underway jobs program you don't like well it is too specific in that regard and doesn't look at other economic policies to inflationary as well targeted tax measures the the clinical myths uh efforts to target in economic assistance to distressed areas and we think it'd be better to have a more broad-based economic response the president will be presenting in a few weeks an economic renewal program that will look at all of the areas of need in a way that can build permanent jobs not just six-month jobs can let do so you a question we just have a moment what will the administration do what will the president do if this convention passes the kennedy plan will you ignore it whatever happens on the platform the president will run as the leader of the democratic party and he will represent that party and will he will reflect his own views where they may be at variance with the wide spectrum represented in a platform which people will ignore i don't know the president will have to speak for himself and what he decides but i point out that a platform is a very broad-based general statement and it is up to every president to uh to look at the priorities he will give treasury secretary miller thanks very much not a bad precinct captain in illinois not a david brinkley thank you our delegation reporter marcy pliner says she heard on a bus two delegates talking this morning on their way to madison square garden saying we need a new minority plank to

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saying we need a new minority plank to finance a study to see if the delegates can live on new york hot dogs for four days we'll be back in a moment [Music] we're approaching the end of the special speakers here uh advocating or opposing senator kennedy's modification proposal for the platform a 12 billion dollar jobs program and many other things the last speaker on the carter side of this question is former u.n ambassador andrew young he is speaking now he will be followed by senator kennedy let's go down to the podium economic progress and prosperity just as the voting rights act of 1965 did some 15 years ago this august the 6th and i can remember people looking at the voting rights act and saying that it wasn't enough i can remember people looking at the voting rights act and saying that it was a kind of sellout compromise it didn't really produce much results in 1965 or 66 but by 1967 we saw the kind of registration of voters the kind of election of minority officials that began to totally integrate the politics of this nation and particularly the southern part of the united states providing full enfranchisement for some two and a half million new voters and setting forth our nation in a new decade of political integration and prosperity i would contend that the humphrey hawkins full employment act is a commitment of this administration and of the congress to do exactly what you want done in the platform that is to see to it that the law of this land provides that every piece of legislation passed by the congress of the united states

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congress of the united states be analyzed as to its impact on the employment of the citizens of this nation and so looking at our work together in this party and thinking through the kind of progress that we have made through many many differences i would still contend that our best hope is in some understanding some long-range view and some continuation of this discussion and debate and so i frankly really don't care how anybody votes on this issue what i do care about is that you respect the opinions of people on both sides of

the issue for in respecting the opinions and commitments of people on both sides of the issue we prepare ourselves to go to the people of the united states not only to win a victory in november but to continue to explore and to create the kinds of job policies the kind of stable economic growth that not only product provides jobs for our citizens but puts an end to inflation so that the wages earned by those jobs are wages that give you a dollars worth of goods for a dollar paid a wage that is a non-inflationary wage a wage that enables you to budget the needs and the future of your family and your children in security and i would contend that that's the kind of policy that president carter and the democratic congress have offered this nation and that's the kind of policy that we see in this platform and so looking at that policy and looking at what we have done already with some of the difficult issues like energy

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energy some of the jobs that have been created some of the economic growth and stability that's not a matter of promise but that is a matter of records the budget figures are there but they're almost irrelevant what is relevant is your understanding that this administration and everybody in it is single-minded in their pursuit of a sound economy but i've traveled around the world too long and too much to believe that even in the best of circumstances we in america can anymore alone decide what kind of economy will produce jobs for our citizens for we in america now are impacted by forces that are no longer under our control the energy that we require from overseas has put hundreds of billions of dollars in circulation outside of the united states and so the so-called tight fiscal monetary policy the kind of policy you see by offered by the republican party the kind of policy that we often see our federal reserve laps into i think we now have to question we have to question because high interest rates may not slow down our economy it may just attract more money from abroad and the growth of the money supply maybe cannot be any longer determined just by the federal reserve or the budget of the united states and the available supply of money here maybe beyond the control simply of the congress of the united states i would contend we are entering into a period when many of the problems that we now face can only be solved by international agreement the so-called north-south dialogue that we are going to have to sit down with people from other countries

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with people from other countries people who are exporting to us their raw materials and who need the goods and services that we can provide in exchange for those revenues i don't think it's too great a vision or too much of an ambition to dream of a day when the steel workers of youngstown ohio can produce the steel for the trucks and tractors in detroit and atlanta that are not just for the american people but that enable the people all over the world to grow the food that will enable them to share also in the kind of abundant life that we have come to enjoy in these united states of america and so i would hope that we would approach this question knowing that the only way we can lose regardless of what side you're on is that if we don't respect each other that if we don't understand that this is a serious and complicated issue that we can disagree without being disagreeable that to make a commitment now for the future would be almost like making a commitment about a football game that you were going to pass on first down every time or that the lead off batter every time he comes up in a baseball game would bunt we know that our sports and our games are more complicated than that in america and we also know that our economy is more complicated than that and that the debate we are engaged in here while it has many many political overtones ultimately we must know we're all on the same side there's an old story that we used to tell in the civil rights movement about a farmer that took two roosters into town to join into a cockfight and he put them in the back of his truck and he thought he had two fine specimens but when he got to where they were supposed to fight and went to the back of the truck they were all beaten up and blooded and he shook his head and with tears in his

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he shook his head and with tears in his eyes he almost cried and said my god they didn't realize they were on the same side i say to you this evening madison square garden is filled to the rafters for the first time since the democrats came here waiting for teddy while we wait we're going briefly to washington where we

have invited some officials of the republican party as we did in detroit during the republican convention to watch and listen to what is happening here and to offer whatever comments they like there with bill monroe bill thank you david chairman bill brock of the republican party and senator william roth of delaware the author co-author of the roth kemp tax proposal sometimes called the kemp roth tax proposal senator the democrats are talking about jobs if they do not oppose this to approve this 12 billion job proposal president carter is coming back with a proposal for millions of jobs which he will bring out in a week or so what about this emphasis on jobs will you not find that hard to counter no we won't bill because basically the republicans have a program for jobs our whole platform really is directed at what we should do to create millions of jobs in the private sector i agree with them that jobs and inflation are critically important but the thing that amazes me is that at this late date they still don't have a program they have no consensus on the republican side we're talking about tax relief we're talking about capital formation we're talking about doing away with regulations so that we can create millions of jobs in the next several years to help the unemployed doesn't have a rather long-term pro-program chairman buck if you're worried about jobs doesn't your program promise jobs two or three years from now oh no if you look at the the basic threats we've talked about overall tax reduction we've talked about business reduction in order to provide incentives to create jobs we've talked about specific

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jobs we've talked about specific programs to create jobs in the inner cities where this administration has let one million more people get out of work in the last very few months where black teenagers are have a unemployment rate of 35 percent the urban league says uh adult black head of household and unemployment is now 24 that's insane in this country and and what we're talking about would create jobs in a matter of you know days weeks months because you're you're you're primarily dealing with small business and you're taking those jobs to the cities where people are out of work you can do it very fast but you can't do it with government because that's where it takes nine months 12 months or even two years in some cases briefly i wonder if democrats and republicans are not going to wind up sounding as if they're saying the same thing jobs productivity tax incentives for capital formation well let me point out the big difference here they're talking about spending 13 billion dollars in the public sector to create something like 800 000 jobs do you realize under the carter administration something like 1.7 million people were thrown out of work in two months no there's no comparison we're talking about long-term permanent jobs in the private sector thank you very much senator roth of delaware chairman bill brock of the republican party now back to madison square garden back here in the garden barbara mikulski who is a member of congress from baltimore maryland was to put senator kennedy in nomination tomorrow since he is withdrawn she has instead got onto the podium now to introduce him for his speech tonight now down to the podium edward kennedy said it's wrong to try to fix the economy at the expense of the american people edward kennedy said it's wrong to put the affirmative action constituency against the seniority constituency over a shrinking number of jobs edward kennedy knows the right way to balance the budget is not with unemployment

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unemployment but with full employment edward kennedy has an 18-year record of courageous consistent effective leadership in the united states senate when black freedom riders were being attacked and beaten it was senator edward kennedy who fought for racial justice and got rid of the poll tax and helped give us the voting rights act of 1964. when i was a young social worker working in the neighborhoods of baltimore during those dark nixon years and wondered how we were going to get the old people the medical and social services they needed it was senator kennedy who introduced the first nutrition program for the elderly a program that guarantees senior citizens at least one hot meal a day it was senator kennedy who won passage of programs like neighborhood health centers the war on cancer he led the fight to save nurses scholarships and save them he did in my fight for legislation to help battered women senator kennedy has been a strong supportive active ally he knows that all american women work but he knows that too many

women work for too little that's that's why senator kennedy wants to change the social security system to make it fair to women and that's why he led the fight in the senate to extend the ratification of the equal rights amendment to give us a second chance at

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amendment to give us a second chance at that in the last six months i have come to know ted kennedy as a person not just a news clip i have found him to be truly gallant in public and in private he is caring about others and modest about himself he has shown this nation a magnificent example of grace courage and valor the kennedy family is a national heritage his brothers gave their lives for this country his sisters blazed new paths of public service his parents are an inspiration to us all and i want to acknowledge a special woman joan kennedy with joan kennedy with her husband's support she has made the difficult journey through the harsh public layer to reach her own life her own talents and her own identity [Applause] in 18 years in 18 years of public service edward kennedy has kept his faith with the american people he hasn't waited he hasn't waited for a crisis to emerge or a constituency to develop he leads he acts he inspires it is with great pride that i present to this convention senator edward moore kennedy of massachusetts

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[Music] thank you very much [Applause] thank you very much [Applause] for your very eloquent your eloquent introduction distinguished legislator great spokes woman for economic democracy and social justice in this country i thank you for your eloquent introduction

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introduction well things worked out a little different from the way i thought but let me tell you i still love new york my fellow democrats and my fellow americans i have come here tonight not to argue as a candidate but to affirm a cause i'm asking you i am asking you to renew the commitment of the democratic party to economic [Applause] justice i am asking you to renew our commitment to a fair and lasting prosperity that can put america back to work this is the cause that brought me into the campaign and that sustained me for nine months across a hundred thousand miles in forty different states we had our losses but the pain of our defeats is far far less than the pain of the people that i have met we have learned that it is important to take issue seriously but never to take ourselves too seriously [Applause] the serious issue before us tonight

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the serious issue before us tonight is the cause for which the democratic party has stood in its finest hours the cause that keeps our party young and makes it in the second century of its age the largest political party in this republic and the longest lasting political party on this planet our cause has been since the days of thomas jefferson the cause of the common man and the common woman [Applause] our commitment has been since the days of andrew jackson to all those he called the humble members of society the farmers mechanics and laborers on this foundation we have defined our values refined our policies and refreshed our faith now i take the unusual step of carrying the cause and the commitment of my campaign personally to our national convention i speak out of a deep sense of urgency about the anguish and anxiety i have seen across america i speak out of a deep belief in the ideals of the democratic party and in the potential of that party and of a president to make a difference and i speak out of a deep trust in our capacity to proceed with boldness and a common vision that will feel and heal the suffering of our time and the divisions of our party

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[Applause] the economic plank of this platform on its face concerns only material things but it is also a moral issue that i raised tonight it has taken many forms over many years in this campaign and in this country that we seek to lead the challenge in 1980 is to give our voice and our vote for these fundamental democratic principles let us pledge that we will never misuse unemployment high interest rates and human misery as

false weapons against inflation let us pledge that employment will be the first priority of our economic policy let us pledge that there will be security for all those who are now at work and let us pledge that there will be jobs for all who are out of work and we will not compromise on the issues of jobs these are not simplistic pledges simply put they are the heart of our tradition and they have been the soul of our party across the generations it is the glory and the greatness of our

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it is the glory and the greatness of our tradition to speak for those who have no voice to remember those who are forgotten to respond to the frustrations and fulfill the aspirations of all americans seeking a better life in a better land we dare not forsake that tradition we cannot let the great purposes of the democratic party become the bygone passages of history we must not permit the republicans to seize and run on the slogans of prosperity we heard the orators at their convention all trying to talk like democrats they proved that even republican nominees can quote franklin roosevelt to their own purpose the grand ole party thinks it has found a great new trick but 40 years ago an earlier generation of republicans attempted the same trick and franklin roosevelt himself replied most republican leaders have bitterly fought and blocked the forward surge of average men and women in their pursuit of happiness let us not be deluded that overnight those leaders have suddenly become the friends of average men and women [Applause] you know he continued very few of us are that gullible and four years later

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are that gullible and four years later when the republicans tried that trick again franklin roosevelt asked can the old guard pass itself off as the new deal i think not we have all seen many marvelous stunts in the circus but no performing elephant could turn a handspring without falling flat on its back the 1980 republican convention was a wash with crocodile tears for our economic distress but it is by their long record and not their recent words that you shall know them the same republicans who are talking about the crisis of unemployment have nominated a man who once said and i quote unemployment insurance is a prepaid vacation plan for free loaders and that nominee is no friend of labor the same republicans who are talking about the problems of the inner cities have nominated a man who said and i quote i have included in my morning and evening prayers every day the prayer that the federal government not bail out new york and that nominee is no friend of this city and our great urban centers across this

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nation the same republicans who are talking about security for the elderly have nominated a man who said just four years ago that participation in social security should be made voluntary and that nominee is no friend of the senior citizens of this nation [Applause] the same republicans who are talking about preserving the environment have nominated a man who last year made the preposterous statement and i quote 80 of our air pollution comes from plants and trees and that nominee is no friend of the environment and the same republicans who are invoking franklin roosevelt have nominated a man who said in 1976 and these are his exact words fascism was really the basis of the new deal and that nominee whose name is ronald reagan has no right to quote franklin delano roosevelt

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uh the great adventures which our opponents offer is a voyage into the past progress is our heritage not theirs what is right for us as democrats is also the right way for democrats to win the commitment i seek is not to outworn views but to old values that will never wear out programs may sometimes become obsolete but the ideal of fairness always endures circumstances may change but the work of compassion must continue it is surely correct that we cannot solve problems by throwing money at them but it is also correct that we dare not throw out our national problems onto a scrap heap of inattention and indifference the poor may be out of political fashion but they are not without human needs the middle class may be angry but they have not lost the dream that all americans can advance together [Applause] the demand the demand of our

people in 1980 is not for smaller government or bigger government but for better government some say that government is always bad and that spending for basic social programs is the root of our economic evils but we reply the present inflation and recession cost our economy 200 billion dollars a year we reply inflation and unemployment

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we reply inflation and unemployment are the biggest spenders of all the task of leadership in 1980 is not to parade scapegoats or to seek refuge in reaction but to match our power to the possibilities of progress while others talk to free enterprise it was the democratic party that acted and we ended excessive regulation in the airline and trucking industry and we restored competition to the marketplace and i take some satisfaction that this deregulation legislation that i've sponsored and passed in the congress of the united states as democrats we recognize that each generation of americans has a rendezvous with a different reality the answers of one generation become the questions of the next generation but there is a guiding star in the american firmament it is as old as the revolutionary belief that all people are created equal and as clear as the contemporary condition of liberty city in the south bronx again and again democratic leaders have followed that star and they have given new meaning to the old values of liberty and justice for all we are the party we are the party of the new freedom the new deal and the new frontier we have always been the party of hope so this year let us offer new hope new hope to an america uncertain about the present but unsurpassed in its potential for the future to all those who are idle in the cities and industries of america

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and industries of america let us provide new hope for the dignity of useful work democrats have always believed that a basic civil right of all americans is that their right to earn their own way the party of the people must always be the party of full employment [Applause] to all those who doubt the future of our economy let us provide new hope for the reindustrialization of america and let our vision reach beyond the next election or the next year to a new generation of prosperity if we could rebuild germany and japan after world war ii then surely we can reindustrialize our own nation and revive our inner cities in the 1980s to all those who work hard for a living wage let us provide new hope that their price of their employment shall not be an unsafe workplace and a death at an earlier age to all those who inhabit our land from california to the new york island from the redwood forest to the gulf stream waters let us provide new hope that prosperity shall not be purchased by poisoning the air the rivers and the natural resources that are the greatest gift of this continent [Applause] we must insist that our children and our grandchildren shall inherit a land

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grandchildren shall inherit a land which they can truly call america the beautiful [Applause] to all those who see the worth of their work and their savings taken by inflation let us offer new hope for a stable economy we must meet the pressures of the present by invoking the full power of government to master increasing prices in canada we must say that the federal budget can be balanced only by policies that bring us to a balanced prosperity of full employment and price restraint and to all those overburdened by an unfair tax structure let us provide new hope for real tax reform instead of shutting down classrooms let us shut off tax shelters instead of cutting out school lunches let us cut off tax subsidies for expensive business lunches that are nothing more than food stamps for the rich the tax cut of our republican opponents takes the name of tax reform in vain it is a wonderfully republican idea that would redistribute income in the wrong direction it's good news for any of you with incomes over two hundred thousand dollars a year for the few of you it offers a pot of gold worth fourteen thousand dollars but the republican tax cut is bad news for the middle income families

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for the middle income families for the many of you they plan a pittance of two hundred dollars a year and that is not what the democratic party means when we say tax reform the vast majority of americans cannot afford this panacea from a republican nominee who has denounced the progressive income tax as the invention of karl marx i am afraid he has confused karl marx with theodore roosevelt [Applause] that obscure republican president who sought and fought for a tax system based on ability to pay theodore roosevelt was not karl marx and the republican tax scheme is not tax reform [Applause] finally we cannot have a fair prosperity and isolation from a fair society so i will continue to stand for a national health insurance we must we must not surrender we must not surrender to the relentless medical inflation that can bankrupt almost anyone and that may soon break the budgets of government at every level let us insist on real controls over what doctors and hospitals can charge and let us resolve that the state of a

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and let us resolve that the state of a family's health shall never depend on the size of a family's wealth the president the vice president the members of congress have a medical plan that meets their needs in full and whenever senators and representatives catch a little cold the capital physician will see them immediately treat them promptly fill a prescription on the spot we do not get a bill even if we ask for it and when do you think was the last time a member of congress asked for a bill from the federal government and i say again as i have before if health insurance is good enough for the president the vice president the congress of the united states then it's good enough for you and every family in america [Applause] there were some there were some who said we should be silent about our differences on issues during this convention but the heritage of the democratic party has been a history of democracy we fight hard because we care deeply about our principles and purposes we did not flee this struggle we welcome the contrast with the

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the contrast with the empty and expedient spectacle last month in detroit where no nomination was contested no question was debated and no one dared to raise any doubt or dissent democrats can be proud that we chose a different course in a different platform we can be proud that our party stands for invas investment in safe energy instead of a nuclear future that may threaten the future itself we must not permit the neighborhoods of america to be permanently shadowed by the fear of another three-mile island we can be proud that our party stands for a fair housing law to unlock the doors of discrimination once and for all the american house will be divided against itself so long as there is prejudice against any american buying or renting a home and we can be proud that our party stands plainly and publicly and persistently for the ratification of the equal rights amendment women hold their rightful place at our convention and women must have their rightful place in the constitution of the united states on this issue we will not yield we will not equivocate we will not rationalize explain or

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we will not rationalize explain or excuse we will stand for era and for the recognition at long last that our nation was made up of founding mothers as well as founding fathers a fair prosperity and a just society are within our vision and our grasp and we do not have every answer there are questions not yet asked waiting for us in the recesses of the future but of this much we can be certain because it is the lesson of all of our history together a president and the people can make a difference i have found that faith still alive wherever i have traveled across this land so let us reject the council of retreat and the call to reaction let us go forward in the knowledge that history only helps those who help themselves there will be setbacks and sacrifices in the years ahead but i am convinced that we as a people are ready to give something back to our country in return for all it has given to us let this let this be our commitment whatever sacrifices must be made will be shared and shared fairly and let this be our confidence at the end of our journey and always before us shines that ideal of liberty and justice for all

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in closing let me say a few words to all those that i have met and to all those who have supported me at this convention and across the country there were hard hours on our journey and often we sailed against the wind but always we kept our rudder true and there were so many of you who stayed the course and shared our hope you gave your help but even more you gave your hearts and because of you this has been a happy campaign you welcome joan me and our family into your homes and neighborhoods your churches your campuses your union halls and when i think back of all the miles and all the months and all the memories i think of you and i recall the poet's words and i say what golden friends i had among you my golden friends across this land i have listened and learned i have listened to kenny du bois a glass caller in charleston west virginia who has 10 children to support but has lost his job after 35 years just three years short of qualifying for his pension i have listened to the tractor family who farm in iowa and who wonder whether they can pass the good life and the good earth on to their children i have listened to the grandmother in east los angeles in east oakland who no longer has a phone to call her grandchildren because she gave it up to pay the rent on her small apartment i have listened to young workers out of work to students without the tuition for college and to families without the chance to own a home i have seen the closed factories and the stalled assembly lines of anderson indiana and southgate

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of anderson indiana and southgate california and i have seen too many far too many idol men and women desperate to work i have seen too many far too many working families desperate to protect the value of their wages from the ravages of inflation yet i have also sensed a yearning for new hope among the people in every state where i have been and i have felt it in their handshakes i saw it in their faces and i shall never forget the mothers who carry children to our rallies i shall always remember the elderly who have lived in an america of high purpose and who believe that it can all happen again tonight in their name i have come here to speak for them and for their sake i ask you to stand with them on their behalf i ask you to restate and reaffirm the timeless truth of our party i congratulate president carter on his victory here [Applause] i am i am confident that the democratic party will reunite on the basis of democratic principles and that together we will march towards a democratic victory in 1980. [Applause] and someday long after this convention long after the signs come down and the crowd stopped cheering and the band stopped playing may it be said of our campaign that we kept the faith may it be said of

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that we kept the faith may it be said of our party in 1980 that we found our faith again and may it be said of us both in dark passages and in bright days in the words of tennyson that my brothers quoted and loved and that have special meaning for me now i am a part of all that i have met too much is taken much abides that which we are we are one equal temper of heroic hearts strong and will to strive to seek to find and not to yield for me a few hours ago this campaign came to an end for all those whose cares have been our concern the work goes on the cause endures the hope still lives and the dream shall never die [Applause] foreign [Applause]

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[Applause] wasn't that the best speech you ever heard senator kennedy give in his life i've heard him speak a lot i've never heard him speak as well as that gone from that speech with some of the mannerisms that he had developed during his campaign it was eloquent it was i thought brilliantly delivered [Applause] very moving great many people in the hall were in tears and many of them are still on their feet [Applause] okay and so the democratic convention returns to the real world which may have more pleasures for senator kennedy this evening the question occurs says the speaker of the adoption of the minority report senator kennedy's proposal for 12 billion dollar program to create 800 000 jobs the marshall plan in terms of 1948 dollars

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marshall plan in terms of 1948 dollars plus the united states 17 billion senator kennedy investment reduced dollars is now proposing a 12 billion dollar plan to create 800 000 jobs and there are those on that floor sensible and intelligent politicians who believe the convention may pass it tonight well the speech certainly did not put it it needs also to be remembered at this moment that this convention has voted to commit 1984 delegates to james earl carter on the first ballot and that cannot be broken suppose kennedy had won on the rules fight set the delegates free to vote however they chose or left them free to vote however the church had made this speech and then had the nominations tomorrow care to make any guesses a squeaker i think it would have been very very close like that happened but the convention was decided in terms of its nominee on monday night when the president won that vote there's no other democrat who could have turned on this convention hall as kennedy did is that i don't think so now among the any of the senior leaders of the party he spoke to them tonight with more eloquence than anyone else would have signed up true writers ought to be given some credit for this kennedy writers bob schrum and kerry

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kennedy writers bob schrum and kerry parker worked on that speech it was a ringing defense of the traditional values of the democratic party going back to the coalition formed by franklin roosevelt in the early 30s i guess this demonstration david has gone on for about five minutes or more interesting to note that before the speech the carter people were passing out kennedy signs to those who didn't have it and i see that almost everyone in the georgia delegation is waving a kennedy sign down there somewhere is tom brokaw thank you john chance i'm with two members of the kennedy delegation from the state of california richard alvarez it was a statement we've got a little weepy here tonight yeah it's one of the greatest speeches i've ever seen ted kennedy to give and it will probably be the greatest speech that this convention will ever see oh i absolutely agree i think it's the greatest speech ted kennedy's ever made and it shows why we're winning you've been around politics a long time i've never seen you cry at a speech before well i think we were on the right side and i think a lot of people in this hall probably realized that that it was the right campaign to be in i mean the easiest thing he said you march forward together in the fall now it was clearly indicating he would support president carter will they do that will you do it look i'm going to support the democratic nominee i was absolutely right i'm still supporting ted kennedy all right thank you let's go to judy woodruff who is just outside the convention hall with jody powell okay we are standing here inside the carter trailer area the car to command post with the president's press secretary jody powell one of your colleagues jody told me they thought the speech was too long what did you think i thought it was a fine speech we have an expression down in our part of the country and perhaps and others

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of the country and perhaps and others when you describe her speech and this one fits it that was a bar and burner it was a speech about the principles and the goals of the democratic party and for those of us you know georgia's probably the most democratic state in the nation it was one that uh that we could all feel good about he only mentioned the name jimmy carter one time do you think do you attach any special significance to i don't know i guess if i thought about it a long time i might come up with something but uh that might be reading tea leaves what do you think he meant when he talked at the end about we uh let it be said of our party in 1980 that we found the faith again is he talking about his campaign do you think well certainly the senator i thought uh was in this first major speech after uh he went through his name from nomination explaining to the american people into this convention what he tried to do in uh in that campaign we uh we obviously disagree in some areas uh our goals are about the same i think we have some real disagreements on how we go about getting there but i think it's clear from that speech that those disagreements are uh not nearly so great as the disagreements that both of us have with regard to the republicans and particularly the new leadership in that republican party how much of an asset can teddy kennedy be in a fall campaign for the president well if he goes around making fine speeches like that he could be a considerable amount of help but if for example i mean he said we will march toward democratic victory uh how much campaigning do you expect him to do oh i don't have any way of knowing and i doubt that's the sort of thing that even he's in a position to say uh to say right now okay thank you jody powell inside the carter trailer area and now uh

back to the that now to john chancellor president carter was coming into the white house tonight coming back from camp david preparing to come to new york tomorrow and he said it would certainly be beneficial for me to have senator kennedy's full support during the campaign and asked if he could win the general election next november without senator kennedy's help the president

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senator kennedy's help the president said i can win much better with him well the demonstration for kennedy is still going on and may go on for a little while longer we'll have more convention coverage after this [Music] demonstration on the floor continues waving of signs and shouting of we want ted john i've been to a lot of conventions 16 to be exact and i can remember few if any times when a whole full of people were so moved and touched and reduced to tears in many cases by a speech by any speech well it's interesting to me that the logistics of this demonstration the carter people control the ban that's always important to remember at a convention that it was a combination the uh kennedy people had prepared hoping their man would get the nomination those blue signs that say kennedy with them well they brought those signs in tonight even though he's been denied the nomination and they brought the frisbees that you may have seen thrown in the air but the carter people saw to it that kennedy signs were held in places like the georgia delegation the president's home state so the carter people are obviously being as shall i say hospitable helpful helpful and cooperative to uh kennedy as they can possibly be but they certainly have the delegates on their side as we can see this thing has gone on for 15 minutes the speech was one of the high emotional and dramatic points of this convention and so is this demonstration in fact it's going on right now eric cutley is down there somewhere john we're in the pennsylvania delegation with paul tully hartmitten veteran trustee political operative for the kennedy campaign and now more than a bit emotional i imagine yeah i mean that it was overwhelming i mean

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i mean that it was overwhelming i mean a matter of a few minutes capitalize what all of us have been doing our whole whole i think what i've been trying to do my whole political life trying to make this a better place and it was very moving the delegates even beyond the kennedy delegates it was a very special time and what seemed to be special right now is that this demonstration is going on although i would estimate that less than half of the actual delegates are kennedy supporters you're an organizer you're making no effort to keep this demonstration going i'm just trying to make sure that we have the vote coming up here is going to go the way we'd like to see it go i don't want to be part of the issues here now the economic issues that's what we really care this campaign's been about it's hard to look ahead now on a summer night in 1980 in madison square guard but i saw one of your people here where the kennedy camp ons at kennedy 1980 she scratched it out she said kennedy 84. are you ready for 84th well i think at this moment i don't know if i'm ready for anything more than a good night's sleep i think i've been in politics since 1967 it's my fourth convention trying to work for candidates make a better man america a better place no one ever said it was going to be an easy job it was going to be quick whether it's this year it's next year it's 1984 it's going to happen one of these days thank you very much paul philly here in pennsylvania now over to chris wallace and we're in the ohio delegation with senator howard metzenbaum one of the few kennedy supporters in the senate this year senator what'd you think of the speech i thought it's the best speech ted kennedy ever made it's probably the best speech that has been or will be made at this convention and i think it expressed the hopes and the aspirations and concerns of the democratic party is there a certain irony to you that he made you said his ness speech at the end of his campaign when it was too late well i suppose there is some

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too late well i suppose there is some irony to that but the fact is that he came here that he made it and i think he understands what this convention is all about and in defeat i think he also recognized that this convention has got to move with some of the problems of jobs and health insurance and the other issues that are concerning americans apparently jessica savage has a story on the podium why don't we go there senator

the story on the podium is the demonstration is running a lot longer than anybody expected the band has been saying been told to keep on playing speaker o'neill just went downstairs to negotiate a little bit what they had thought was the demonstration was going to run about 15 minutes and apparently no one told anybody up here the demonstration was supposed to run 15 minutes it will it probably will it probably will run longer because they really aren't sure up here on the podium all the parliamentary maneuvering where they should go next so like any other production when you don't know where to go next you tell the band to keep on playing this is jessica savage on the podium yeah broken under the floor just in front of the podium with mayor coleman young of detroit the carter supporter here on the floor what did you think of senator kennedy's speech mayor that was a very good speech as a matter of fact the best speech i've heard so far in the convention you think that he spoke to the kind of issues that will move president carter to the left if you will on these economic issues anymore there is a very narrow hair of difference between kenny and the president on these issues and there's never been any great difference between them for the last four years as you know what are you telling the people who work for president carter in the campaign that the president must say to these kennedy delegates when he appears here on thursday night to get them into his camp well i don't want to assume for one moment that the kennedy delegates to the democratic party belong to a separate party i think we came here as democrats yeah but they're saying that they're going to

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but they're saying that they're going to have to hear something from the president before they'll go along with him but i don't believe it i just don't believe it i don't think that nowhere in the history of our party that we held the president and ransom the only choice there an invocation there is a current election over the region and it's the kennedys of the night that's not what he's saying so i could understand how some of the kennedy delegates feel uh no one expected i didn't expect to defeat by almost by some 500 votes yesterday matter of fact i had a few bets and i said 200 votes all right thank you very much mayor coleman young of detroit now to david brickley where we stand now following the kennedy speech as a demonstration continues where we stand kennedy's speech was the last of a series discussing a minority plank the plank number one it its title is economic growth without inflation it calls for among much else twelve billion dollars in federal money to create jobs the carter administration the president is says he is in favor of jobs but he's opposed to this plank because it is too tight too specific and it is almost as if they were legislating here in the convention hall it will come to a vote i don't know how soon because the um there seems to be some disorganization on the rostrum or some indecision about what to do but in any case it will come to a vote sometime shortly in the meantime we'll be back in a moment i think it's three [Music] it's quality tea and lipton's very old natural lemon flavor really and that's not all lipton's got no artificial color like most bargain brands read your label uh oh

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read your label uh oh no other iced tea mix says lipton's goodness yeah lipton goodness makes a difference sure does premiering thursday august 21st don't miss our exciting weekday lineup right here on channel 4 starting with the scene at noon with all the latest news and weather then catch teddy and elaine on the noon show at 1205 followed by the award-winning drama another world then stay tuned for texas and days of our lives that's weekdays right here on channel 4. this is wsm-tv nashville and we're for t-shirts a great way to keep cool during this extra hot summer to get your channel 4 t-shirt send a checker money order for 3.00 to channel 4 t-shirts box 400 nashville tennessee 37202 be sure to include your t-shirt size child or adult small medium or large extra large in adult size only stay cool this summer wear a channel 4 t-shirt [Music] over the last 5 years there has been an eight percent increase in the incidence of cancer among black americans as a result of these statistics the american cancer society in a joint effort with meharry medical college is conducting a survey to determine the extent of cancer treatment and education in this community you can help by participating when you are asked by the survey questionnaires remember we need to find out why blacks are increasing in the incidence of cancer and you can tell us live from madison square garden in new york city nbc news reports the 1980 democratic national convention brought to you in part by new york life

and the more than 12 000 new york life agents in the united states and canada now reporting from the nbc news convention center in madison square garden here is john chancellor the the band has stopped playing at this

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the the band has stopped playing at this hour the delegates are still milling around and nobody knows what is going to happen we know what is supposed to happen and that is the delegations from the states will be pulled on how they stand on the kennedy anti-recession 12 billion dollar proposal but it's been about 15 minutes since the demonstration should have stopped and speaker o'neal who is the permanent chairman of this convention is down just near the podium i think we have a picture of him and he's negotiating there about something it very well may be how to go about presenting this in a parliamentary way however our floor people ken bodie among them there's the chairman of the party john white advising the permanent chairman ken bode among our other reporters is saying that it looks as though kennedy's proposal may actually pass and it's possible that there may be more meaningful negotiations going on right now and i can't offer an idea of what it might be you can draw your own conclusions on that but something in that particular conversation right there of importance is going on now one of the things about thomas p o'neal the speaker was that he told friends he was worried that this convention might get out of hand in a parliamentary way he thought it might make him look foolish and he's taking every possible precaution he can to see to it that he doesn't look foolish so the tip o'neill among other things does not like to be made to look foolish that looks like a football huddle there it does indeed and something very interesting i think is going on there that's not a small piece of parliamentary procedure no if it were they could merely ask the parliamentarian he could answer the question and that would be that but this is not an easy place to negotiate on the rostrum of a convention hall full of shouting cheering delegates waving signs

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cheering delegates waving signs um it would be nice to guess what they're deciding but i would prefer not to because i don't know well in the meantime let's uh let's press on they may be in that huddle for some time uh ken bodie has come up on our balcony and is there now with a very influential influential labor leader doug fraser of the united auto workers again doug fraser you've been a kennedy supporter from way back what's your judgment on how this vote is going to come out tonight down here i think the minority report on and proposition three will carry uh i believe uh that's possible because all of the trade unionists who are carter supporters will come over to the minority report now the cabinet officers are all out there working that's assuming they can't turn it around and i don't think we'll be able to you've got 300 000 workers in the uaw laid off permanently the carter administration says that this minority report the billions of dollars for a jobs program here just simply can't get into the economy fast enough to help you what's your judgment on that well i think they're wrong as i thought they were wrong when they try to ring the inflation out of the economy with high interest rates and tight credit and they've got to understand the mood out there the workers are angry and they're they're lashing out and if we're to be successful in this election uh the workers will have to have renewed faith that the administration understands the economic problems out there the administration must think they're going to win this vote doug because they've got the whole cabinet of the united states working that floor down there it's uh it's a unusual political judgment to bring out your heavy guns if you think you're going to lose one isn't it i would i think that they'd have taken a softer approach on the minority report because they realize or should realize how important it is to kennedy people i think it's a mistake in political judgment but i don't think they're going to win anyway well they made it very clear that they don't intend to throw this one to

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they don't intend to throw this one to kennedy they intend to try to win it we've got to go down to the floor now to chris wallace thank you and we are down on the floor with another union leader who backs ted kennedy and that's william wimpesinger the international association of machinists what do you think of the speech i

thought it was an absolutely brilliant statement of principle and purpose and reset the democratic party which i joined many many years ago of course it is also the speech of the losing candidate and there has been talk that when the winning candidate jimmy crider comes here on thursday night that you and all the members of your union who are delegates are going to walk out that's quite correct why is that well i think we have to manifest some displeasure that the fact that we've got to go out and try to save the congress this fall under the banner of the democratic party with an extremely weak candidate extremely weak leader and it compounds the task we're once again faced with the politics of the choice of blessed the lesser of two evils there's been talk that you personally are going to support barry commoner for president true or false i may as an individual depends i don't even know whether he'll be on the ballot in my state or not and um that remains to make that decision you know but a lot of people will say you're throwing away your vote uh so be it that doesn't bother you no it doesn't what do you say to your rank and file member who says what you're gonna do is help elect ronald reagan and he's a lot worse than jimmy carter i started out two years ago with the national call for kennedy to make him the nominee of this party if that were possible and put him in the white house that was our best bet to defeat ronald reagan who was very visible two years ago that has not transpired no one can blame ronald reagan's uh emergence on me william williams thanks very much not a tom pettitt on the floor in pennsylvania where the mayor of philadelphia william greene chairman of the delegation and kennedy what do you think of these union groups that are talking about walking out of the convention entirely well first of all i did not know the reunion groups who were talking about that i know in our

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that i know in our 185 member delegation six people have indicated they may do that how is your delegation going to vote on this final kennedy proposal tonight my understanding is that the vote will be 185 to zero really including every carter delegate yes this performance i'm not certain of that yet but i have been preliminarily informed that that's the case and you've been known to count well maybe not well enough this was an amazing performance tonight by a politician you've known and admired yourself wasn't it it was a sensational speech no question about it yes it was what did that do toward party unity it was kind of a lukewarm endorsement actually president carter well i don't believe that uh i don't know what you say without sounding syrupy or you know just after months and months of fighting to be gushy i think is phony uh to be clear uh to be gracious as i think the senator was is uh i think he did a good job that's really right mike kiss her tom if it isn't right we'll take it away and send it over to garrett gently literally at the other end of pennsylvania the mayor of pittsburgh uh richard calagiori a strong carter supporter mayor greene has just spoken the term of the delegation the kennedy supporter he said that he expects the vote to be 185 to zero in support of the kennedy report now you're a carter supporter but are you going to vote for it do you agree with green well i'm in favor of the minority port iii and uh yes like mayor greene i'm almost certain that you're going to get practically 100 vote out of the delegation of pennsylvania just a few minutes ago as senator kennedy was being introduced to the convention you and a number of other mayors and officials from pennsylvania went off the floor and met with bob strauss back in the carter headquarters area was he trying to turn you around or ask you for your support no it wasn't merely to reiterate the president's position on this that obviously he's in favor of

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this that obviously he's in favor of jobs and to create more jobs and we indicated to bob strauss that the delegation was going to be for the question because of an industrial state with the high unemployment we have and only was an exchange of views but no way was he trying to turn us so your support of carter went a long way but there was a limit in the limit of the question of jobs tonight my support of carter is still very very strong and i have a total commitment to the president on jobs and i'm sure he's going to continue to try to create new jobs for this country but right now it looks as if it's 185 to 0 from pennsylvania or the kennedy report i would say it's going to be very close to that thank you very much mary kelly jory of pittsburgh now let's go back up to the booth [Music] here's what seems to be happening uh well what is happening is that speaker o'neill on the platform is talking with michael berman and others vermin is from the carter staff and that is what we know has happened the rumors are that the votes for the kennedy substitute to the platform

calling for a jobs program of 12 billion dollars let's see it's uh substitute number three number three it's minority report number minority report number three the reports from the floor are that votes in favor of the kennedy minority report are coming to be so heavy that the carter people apparently and i do not know this carter people think now they're going to lose and there is a rumor a rumor that they are negotiating about doing away with a roll call that's a rumor i cannot substantiate there are lawyers up there from the white house and as you see the man on the right of your screen is john white the democratic national chairman telephoning somebody there are various things they could do which would be unusual but uh not beyond the rules of

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unusual but uh not beyond the rules of order they're operating under a special rule tonight that says that minority plank a minority plank submitted by kennedy would have to go through the roll call process but when you get the mayor of philadelphia saying the pennsylvania delegation is going 180 to nothing in favor of the kennedy proposal and when our delegation reporter in the minute in the minnesota uh delegation matt fine tells us that minnesota is going 72-5 in favor of the kennedy proposal but carter people count very well they know that they're probably going to lose this one it may be that they are saying why don't we just give in the problem is that the convention is operating under these special rules which would have to be changed that takes a vote of two-thirds of the delegates i think it can be done in a in a voice vote it is all gloriously complicated here in madison square garden and maybe jessica savage can shed a little more light on what's going on down there jessica i am trying to do just that john i have with me hugh cannon who is one of the parliamentarians who has been watching all the people on our set here in a huddle what are they doing here can they take a voice vote on this issue the chair has announced that there would be a roll call vote but it's not started so he could still go to a voice vote the answer is yes there could be still a voice vote on number three and in whose favor would that work if there's agreement that there'd be a voice vote that it would carry that would the decision to have a voice void on it is the same decision that it will carry in this auditorium where you can hear so poorly if they do have a voice vote it's an indication that the both groups the candidate carter groups have decided that number three will pass so in other words the kennedy people who are out here with these banners and keeping this noise up are preventing a roll call vote and that will work in their favor i think both sides want a little time to negotiate right now but the more time they spend in the more

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but the more time they spend in the more noise the better the chances that minority report three will be adopted is that correct well they're also negotiating as as to one two and four in other words if if there's a voice vote on three it assures that three will pass but in return what can we do on one two and four and that's what the two groups are talking about the present time i think all of this is because of the very great impact of the speech that senator kennedy gave and there's a movement i believe on some of the on the part of some of the leadership so let's respond to that great speech that's it from the podium i guess you got to get back in that huddle and figure out what is happening here we'll keep you posted jessica savage on the podium not a john chancellor all right that was fascinating that could be mr cannon the parliamentarian admits that they're now negotiating on trying for a voice vote to give kennedy the approval of this convention on his proposal minority report number three sorry about the numbers but that's the only way we can explain the story the parliamentarian says further and this is fresh news that they are negotiating on minority reports number one is going up to the podium john now we may get some kind of so now we'll see what see what they're going to do convention will come to water [Music] [Applause] please [Music]

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well going back to it what they are talking about is negotiating on a whole package of kennedy proposals on the economy that are much stronger than the proposals already adopted by the rules committee which had more carter voters on it than it had kennedy voters on it minority report number one has specific programs to increase employment and stimulate the economy minority report number two has a couple of paragraphs

saying the party won't take any economic action which would significantly increase employment minority report number four is no budget cuts in key human resource for the programs to move forward under the rules of the convention there was an automatic roll call there has been a request to withdraw the roll call on number three consequently the chair will withdraw the rule call on number three the question is on the adoption of the minority report on question three those in favor will say aye those opposed will say no in the opinion of the chair the eyes have it [Applause] well it didn't sound that way up here sorry about that tip we will now come to minority report number two those in favor will vote i those opposed will vote no and the opinion of the chair the eyes have it we now come to number one those in favor will

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come to number one those in favor will vote i those opposed will vote no in the opinion of the chair the nose have it we now come to number four we now come to number four those in favor of minority report number four we'll say i those opposed will say no we'll vote no in the opinion of the chair the eyes have it the eyes have been the eyes have have been reported and have uh won three two three four and five the nos were declared winners in one we will continue on with the convention at this time well what we've done is four hours work in about a minute and a half it seems or two uh we as i understood the speaker uh the big one the 12 billion dollar one and all that uh was passed by voice vote here tonight uh with the speaker turning a deaf ear to many no's that were cast the number one which talks about increasing unemployment and 12 billion dollars again did not pass in his opinion well they didn't he it didn't pass in his opinion because it wouldn't have made any sense to pass that and number three because they are roughly the same what we have here is the carter forces giving in because they were going to lose that battle anyway and judy woodruff is with carter's manager bob strauss and let's see what he has to say to the fall campaign thank you very much we missed most of what mr strauss was saying but what he did say is that there was an agreement at the last minute among top carter campaign officials speaker o'neill and some in the kennedy campaign to go ahead

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campaign to go ahead and have a voice vote uh as as john and david were saying we they realized they were going to lose this one they figured there was no point in going ahead with a roll call they've been saying for the last hour and a half as a matter of fact that they expected to lose they were whipping their delegates very hard as as we pointed out earlier they had sent cabinet secretaries out on the floor none of it done had had done any good and it was going to be a they were going to go down to disastrous defeat and they wanted to minimize the they wanted to minimize that in any way that they could this is judy woodruff at the carter command post and now to the anchor booth judy thank you the carter's carter group's thinking i assume was that if you're going to take a horrible defeat it is better to take it in about one minute than it is for an hour and a half on prime time television so that is what they decided they gave up the kennedy minority planks were adopted we'll be back in a moment [Music] they're new they're puffy they're sassy little crackers with a crisp savory topping snack shapes nabisco's newest snack crackers a scrumptious collection of crispy shapes take them for a dip shake [Music] pete conrad and this is the mcdonald douglas f-15 to earn its wings and had to pass a series of u.s air force stress and structure tests in a tight turn the eagle can withstand nine times its weight against gravity i think it's significant that the mcdonnell douglas dc-10 has passed tests just as demanding in their own way as those required by the u.s air force the dc-10

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the dc-10 one of the world's most thoroughly tested jet liners when he says honest styles were born in the west to look their best anywhere top to bottom here comes wrangler and he's one tough customer and he knows what he likes when he sees it well the historians of the canada well the historians of the kennedy family will be talking about tonight for a long time and writing about it those who like the kennedys and those who don't like the kennedys teddy kennedy came into this hall and delivered an electrifying speech possibly the best speech of his career to a convention that responded to him in an enormous human way and

suddenly in votes and uh he changed the convention made carter give up on important parts of the platform so ted kennedy had quite a night tonight tom pettit was is before you go i would like to ask you another question or the same question which i don't think you want to answer but it's an interesting question i don't want to answer it either what would have happened if kennedy had won the rules vote and set the delegates free and then come in here and made that speech what would have happened i don't know but it's an interesting question you keep asking me that question and putting me on the spot oh i said i know you don't want to answer it i don't either but it's an interesting question well my guess is that um the delegates you see they had that vote not to get too detailed about this they had that vote the first day of the convention kennedy had uh tried as you'll recall to get that vote on binding the delegates put over until today or tonight and it's possible that they might have come closer to winning it i'm not sure they would have if it had been today it's one of the many ifs of this

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today it's one of the many ifs of this convention but it's a tantalizing thought it is it is one that's worth thinking about in the future though you will never know the answer if they had considered the platform before they considered the binding of the delegates and i know that's impossible to do but if they'd done that i think ted kennedy would have been the nominee of this party okay maybe maybe not i'm not certain all right uh there's one other thing that we ought to talk about here the and that is the accountability rule that was passed and made part of the platform and that says that the president has to uh either agree with the platform in writing or when he does not agree with the platform in writing he has to notify the delegates to the convention it's new rule adopted yesterday which means that because of these planks now made part of the platform by voice vote here tonight the president will have to send i think and not certain letters to all the delegates or in some way inform them in writing either way he either supports these planks which his people fought so he can't do that or he has to say i respectfully disagree with that part of the platform and that takes us to what his secretary of the treasury told us on the floor tonight he said james earl carter will run on his own views and look at his own priorities so that what this really means is the president has been put into a position where he is going to have to ignore parts of the platform in the general campaign the republicans will make a good bit of this i suspect that he'll have to notify the delegates part of the democratic party reform rules in writing that he doesn't agree with parts of the platform well this idea john as you know began uh began to appear gradually in kennedy's speeches he began we all of us who have been uh watching this for a long time and have known a lot of politicians for a long time have known that no one takes has ever taken a platform very seriously there's an old 19th century joke about it saying it's not very funny but there's a joke about it that says

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but there's a joke about it that says a plat a political platform is like a train platform it is some simply something to get in on and that's what it's always been they say in the platform we're going to do this and do that don't do any of it or don't do much of it a president who does not deliver on his platform pledges can always say i tried but congress would not agree or the courts ruled against me on this or that he can always find some reason why he couldn't do it maybe not very persuasive and not even terribly honest but something it sounds like an excuse kennedy has tried to address that bit of cynicism by requiring a presidential candidate to put on paper whether he agrees with the platform or not and if not to say what he does what he disagrees with i don't think he has to say why simply says i don't like uh section four how much effect that will have over the future years and future presidencies who knows i don't know well it's traditionally in american politics at a long about world series time nobody pays very much attention to the uh to the platform anymore the candidates don't talk much about it tom pettitt anyway yes tom petty on football tom well on the bob kennedy jr who knows something about politics now there were people who have been analyzing your uncle's performance all year how he compared to other kennedys how he grew it seemed to some that he changed and grew and developed over the course of the year you campaigned with him and for him did you see that well i think that you know teddy kennedy started out on this campaign thinking about

the kind of things reverend abernathy's been working for with senator kennedy for the last 20 years and he ended up here tonight uh condensing those things uh distilling them and and and saying them in a very lucid articulate and great speech that i think expressed what everybody here has been

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expressed what everybody here has been thinking whether they're democrats or republicans and i think that's what turned everybody on didn't you see kind of a vision of this as a as a nomination tonight though rather than as an appearance speaking we had our bitter last night we had our sweet tonight and and we're happy with him thank you thank you we're in the massachusetts delegation with congressman jim shannon of massachusetts who's in the district uh represents the district right next to tip o'neills uh that was quite a display of parliamentary maneuvering by tip o'neill tonight well it really was we've seen it in the house of representatives from time to time but i don't think anybody expected to see it here at the convention can he do that well i think he can do it it's clear that what was going on there was there was a kind of a capitulation on the part of the carter forces clearly they don't want any fights that they're going to lose on the economic issues and that's why they weren't a role called dramatic roll call votes so they decided to get it behind them very quickly it seemed to me what the deal was is that the carter forces rejected wage and price controls but would accept the rest of the kennedy plans virtually everything else so therefore they went for minority reports two three and four but not for one where does this leave the president he's been repudiated at his own convention on his economic policy well i think he he's getting a message here at this convention and that is that the divisions in the democratic party are deep and real and if he doesn't start talking like a real democrat he runs the real risk of losing many of the traditional democratic constituencies in the fall for instance massachusetts which many consider the most democratic state in the country could he lose massachusetts well he certainly could i think he runs a greater risk of losing massachusetts than any democratic nominee that we've had since the 1950s john anderson's a very strong candidate there and a lot of traditional democrats are attracted to his candidacy congressman june shannon of massachusetts thanks very much in the ohio delegation martin hughes the delegation chairman and a carter

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delegation chairman and a carter supporter it took a while to straighten out understand what happened in these last several minutes of unique parliamentary maneuvering did you get any warning at all here that this was underway because you've been deeply involved i know in some efforts to try to get confidence talking about the minorities number three yes uh well no i know it was heavily lobbied uh the labor movement felt very strongly that something must be done about the unemployment and the economic conditions in the united states but you've been talking about compromise between carter and kennedy camps and it was uh it was even that was not to be do you feel relieved now as a carter supporter and a high union official communication workers of america official do you feel relieved that it was solved in this way no i would have preferred that we'd worked out a compromise i talked to some of the president's senior staff and uh and a few hours ago i tried to put one of them in communication with lane kirkland the president of the aflcio to see if we can work out a compromise situation we're in the national anthem thank you very much [Music] at the dry [Music] oh [Music] [Applause] [Music]

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[Applause] still there [Music] my please remain standing the pledge of allegiance will be led by rabbi israel mashowitz of the hillcrest jewish center flushing new york rabbi the strength and the glory of america lie in our political process will in the parties vie for victory through the free expression of the electorate but are united by the common goal and commitment to keep our nations strong as the champion of freedom human dignity and human rights one nation indivisible under god and now will you please join me with me in the pledge of allegiance i pledge allegiance to the flag of the united states of america and to the republic for which it stands one nation under god indivisible with liberty and justice for all

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the convention continues there's more business coming along we'll be back in a moment [Music] people were going around here from the white house today lobbying against the passage of that 12 billion dollar jobs proposal plank that is now part of the democratic platform saying 12 billion dollars would be inflationary that it would raise interest rates and above all that it would be bad psychology economically we have someone here who may be echoing that uh that idea charles schultz the head of the council of economic advisers who is on our balcony now john and before that sorry this is uh florida kennedy here's senator kennedy and family returning for the waldorf astoria hotel on park avenue in new york for a wednesday for a loser he must feel pretty good for a losing candidate kennedy had said earlier that he was i'll tell you why i know that we asked him to come up and sit here with david and me and he passed through an aide the fact that he was going to rest on the speech tonight that that would be enough for him he would not do any interviews and he can rest on it it was quite a night for ted kennedy in any case we have a guest here this evening in a position to comment on the uh twelve billion dollar kennedy proposal to create eight hundred thousand jobs and that's the chairman of the president's council of economic adviser charles schultz there with mike jensen our business correspondent yes uh john we'd uh i think first like to start by asking mr schultz how in the world is the president going to live with this platform you all have been lobbying all week long against this 12 billion dollar jobs program

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program what's the president going to do about it well first i have to remind you that it's three quarters of a page out of 114 page platform point number two the president is equally dedicated to the need to get jobs point number three the president believes still believes his approach is superior what divides the president from the minority plank which was adopted is method not goal and the president continues to believe that his approach long term get inflation down and jobs up at the same time is the important way to go about it and we will continue to think so well it may be method and gold but it's also a lot of money isn't it 12 billion dollars is a lot of money and 900 000 jobs now if the the president is having trouble politically right now if in fact he disavows the platform that his party has adopted and says i'm going to go my own way isn't he going to be in worst time again we're talking about three quarters of a page number one out of 114 pages secondly we're talking about an equal dedication wsm-tv nashville live from madison square garden in new york city nbc news reports the 1980 democratic national convention [Music]

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[Music] now reporting from the nbc news convention center in madison square garden here are john chancellor and david brinkley the convention is winding toward its end for tonight in the meantime chris wallace on the floor has some interesting delegates chris i'm in the wisconsin delegation with uh two school teachers who are delegates dorothy dwarflinger and judy clayton it's now 11 31 in new york the place is almost empty what are you doing here we just have staying power i guess let me ask you judy do you have any idea who's speaking yes i believe it's the mayor of a city in oregon you know what city or what her name is well they introduced you right about the time you came over and so i didn't quite catch it what are you doing here everybody's gone i assume you don't care what the the unnamed mayor of an unnamed city in oregon has to say not everybody has left yet and we're both social studies teachers and so we're both going to go back and report to the kids and we don't want to miss anything this is our first convention how has it been obviously you must have had some expectations has it lived up to them yes [Laughter] different caucus leaders the kennedy demonstration tonight the time the kennedy people were allowed on the floor never this has all been very fascinating the communications of course were part of it but seeing uh the pull for unity that has been a theme throughout this whole evening uh shows the parties making serious efforts to pull it together now i don't think any of your students

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now i don't think any of your students are still up do you ever find it boring yes there there are low points it's been a very long day do you think you'd like to go to another convention as a delegate definitely definitely

well you're going to stick this one out to the bitter end i guess thank you both very much not the bitter end the pleasant and now to carol simpson who's also sticking it out to the pleasant end chris i am sticking it out uh but there were a lot of delegates who did not stick it out and i was at the exit where many of them were leaving the hall after the vote on minority uh plank number three which was accepted by this convention and i posed a question that david brinkley and john chancellor gave to each other asking what would have happened last night had senator kennedy made the speech last night before the vote on the open rule that he made tonight i must have talked to maybe 25 delegates and they say things would be a lot different they don't know whether kennedy would have been the nominee when we leave here thursday night but they did say they think the vote would have been different on opening the convention uh these were carter delegates and kennedy delegates who were very very impressed with the senator's speech there were words used like brilliant and electrifying and exciting to describe the senator's speech so even though he did not uh change the outcome of this convention there are those who think that he has really positioned himself very well in 1984 and think a lot of democrats around the country are going to be counting on him in 1984 and now to tom pettitt on the floor with mark shields washington post columnist occasional funny man experienced politician mark this uh convention has been rather strange compared to past conventions it seems almost like two conventions at once going on kennedy was nominated tonight in a sense tomorrow night carter will be nominated what is going on here

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what is going on here what is uh what's going on here until until tonight corpora had a had a floor pass the security is very tight here but uh torpor wii and uh which is a law firm and uneasiness all had a floor pass and they were all out here it was really uh a deadly convention it's putting the lie to one of the cherished myths that political writers and journalists of all sorts have pushed for years and that is that democrats have more fun uh i think that's a lie and i think it's basically been tarnished considerably uh this this convention why is that why is it uh that's what i said why is that's right and it gives you a chance to if you rephrase the question it gives you a chance to think sean i'll tell you why it is frankly the this convention has certainly certain aspects of the functional equivalent of jonestown i mean it's awful it is awful but it's late on the west coast if they forget that time you know what it is it's not a convention that's optimistic it's not a convention that's terribly enthusiastic it's uh they're worried they're concerned about ronald reagan i think that's one of the reasons that ted kennedy uh in addition to having gone through nine months of a very difficult campaign got an amazing response tonight all right sir okay where's the fact now you look up there and say to john chancellor the john chancellor john i i've always had great respect for your work until tonight okay i think i'll rephrase the question while i'm thinking that over let's have a commercial [Music] jessica savage is on the rostrum as she was last night and also was in detroit keeping up with what is happening there jessica well david i heard a little bit earlier i was listening to to judy woodruff talk about some of the things that had happened in the in the carter campaign headquarters and how they had made a deal on the minority reports and i talked to harold ickes harold ickes is the person that is kennedy's liaison with the platform

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is kennedy's liaison with the platform and he's working his way back and forth up here in the podium all evening long and i asked him did you feel that you had the votes on those minority reports or did carter have the votes and he said it really was not a question of votes what was the question it was simply making a political deal and keeping things moving we started this evening by saying there was going to be a roll call vote agreed to by the kennedy in the carter forces a roll call vote only on minority report three now the carter forcers are in control of this convention so that meant when they got to a voice vote on minority reports one two and four the carter forces could simply say the eyes have it even if the eyes didn't have it so they knew that really the only one they could possibly be sure of getting was minority report three this is on the economic minority reports so therefore when the carter forces came up to ickes and said to him all right we'll give you all but minority report one you can have minority reports two three and four we'll take them all by voice vote the only one you'll miss will be minority report one harold ickes went to senator kennedy and said is that good enough for you the senator said yes i think we won some and that's how it worked out at least

that's the kennedy version of how it worked out this is john thank you jessica the uh this will all be gone over by the political writers i imagine the sunday papers will have quite a lot of it we'll be talking about it to later tonight and tomorrow on what happened there it's uh you do tend i'm i'm not quarreling with anybody's story with jody powell's story with bob strauss's story bob strauss said he was against this at one point tonight with anyone's story because i think it's important to remember and david you know this as well as i do that people at different points of the compass even though they're all on the same team see to see seem to see things a little bit differently each time well it is also true that very often they don't know all of it um if you were working say for kennedy as a staff member you don't necessarily know what he said on the phone

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know what he said on the phone upstairs from his suite you know what i refer to a story we had tonight they all denied which we know is true and will be seen to be true in time we've had a lot of unanswerable questions here i have another one i don't expect anyone to answer i don't know the answer but it's an interesting question suppose you're walter monday vice president mondale who certainly has in mind running for president in 1984 how would you feel having seen kennedy's performance here in this hall today who would want to compete with that of course teddy can't do that every night he needs a hall full of democrats who are already already know who he is and generally already like him but he made the most of the situation and put on a tremendous performance well i wondered how mondale felt about that further 1984 is going to be an extremely interesting year if president carter is real real nominated and reelected he cannot succeed himself ronald reagan will be elderly at the end of his first term should he be elected so that you're going to have george bush trying for it you're going to have on the republican side you're going to have fritz mondale trying for it among the democrats and you're going to have kennedy trying for it my own guess is and and the little clues that we've had from him are indicate that ted kennedy is going to run in 1984 and he has positioned himself in a very interesting way here he has adopted the cloak of traditional democratic policies jobs federal programs and if jimmy carter should lose this fall teddy kennedy won't even have to say i told you so others would say i he told you so so that so that really somebody said i was it pettit or someone who said here earlier tonight that kennedy's speech was maybe the first speech of the 1984 campaign i would certainly subscribe to that and i think it was a brilliant positioning of himself to see to set himself for the 1984

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to see to set himself for the 1984 campaign and obviously he didn't run a charade this time you couldn't have been out there with ted kennedy with his bad back seeing this the the men from the secret service holding chairs against his back so that he could stand in receiving lines for hours shaking people's hands in considerable discomfort not to say pain he tried he tried as hard as he could but i do think it would be improper to think about 1984 without factoring him in in that speech tonight i'm sure walter mondale has done so i'm sure he's thinking our four floor reporters have assembled and we're going to start with with broco tom brokaw yes david i was just thinking what a wonderful pleasure it is to work with such visionaries as you and john you're looking at four years ahead i'm trying to figure out what's going to happen tomorrow over the next day and now to tom pettitt oh wait a minute i'm gonna have my say here about tomorrow the next day about tonight i do think that the ted kennedy speech was one of the finest political speeches that i've heard certainly one of the best convention speeches that i've ever heard and it seems to me it'll put a little pressure on jimmy carter who will come into this hall on thursday night because the kennedy delegates that he'll be reaching out to will be measuring him against their own man who put on this brilliant display tonight and they're going to be measuring him not just for his style but for his substance as well as for what happened here in terms of this for fight over jobs and so on carter people almost put themselves in a hole in reaching out to the kennedy folks by fighting so hard against that 12 billion dollar jobs program that we work so hard because there are a lot of carter labor people here who wanted that past the carter people began to fight them and there was a snap back reaction from the labor folks to the carter organization and that's when they began to step aside so there was more than a little political drama on this floor tonight and we'll see now if the democrats truly can put it together in the next 24 hours or so chris you know the thing i think that i take away from tonight is the remarkable fact that the democratic

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the remarkable fact that the democratic convention that is going to re-nominate jimmy carter in effect repudiated his economic policies and i think it's a good indication of the problems that jimmy carter is going to have this fall the kinds of groups the democratic president needs if he's going to win re-election blacks liberals union members they were voting against him on this floor and they would have voted against him if they'd have the chance now obviously what happens on a convention floor doesn't usually have that much life people don't remember much anymore about the reagan and ford and bush deals but it does seem to me to be symptomatic of a problem that jimmy carter's got not the question i come away from tonight with is if jimmy carter can't persuade his own delegates about his economic policy how's it going to persuade the voters carrick i think that was in terms of substance of the coming political uh presidential campaign that was the most important thing that was emphasized tonight the fact is that even though carter has this nomination tomorrow and will be here to accept it on on thursday evening the fact is there are a lot of people who don't agree with his economic policies and this campaign this election will probably decided on economic policies come this fall and carter can't do anything about it teddy kennedy yes it was an electrifying evening and i'm sure it was going through his mind too that if the polls are born out and if jimmy carter is defeated come november 4th in less than three months from tonight ted kennedy would in fact become the leader of the democratic party and uh so we don't necessarily have to even think of 1984 there is that chance that must be going through his mind right now and he certainly has laid the groundwork very well here the third thing i would say is this question of party unity we've all been talking about what kind of unity not just a paper unity not an agreement uh by the carter people to in effect accept or swallow the kennedy economic platform reports minority reports but are the kennedy people going to really go out and work for the carter mondale ticket tonight kennedy did as chris wallace reported earlier he did come up here he did in effect endorse the carter mondale

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did in effect endorse the carter mondale tickets but what's going to happen to the kennedy troops the paul tully's the others the people who have worked long and hard for the kennedys are they going to work that hard for carter as one of the white house people were saying earlier today we need these kennedy workers and that's the big question mark that still has to be answered at this convention well i think the answer is that they won't get all those troops from the kennedy campaign we saw two uh memorials tonight one for hubert humphrey and one for senator edward m kennedy who conducted his own memorial service in this political year it was a remarkable and stunning speech and one on which his nephew robert kennedy jr commented last night was our bitter and tonight was our sweet and tonight was kennedy's night and that's what i carry away from this evening i'd just like to say something that was said to me [Music] for background purposes not for attribution from one of the one of the people in the president kennedy's group a fairly senior man with president kennedy i asked him last saturday how these votes might go on the platform and he said we'll fight on those even though we may lose on some and then he said this he said it would the worst thing for president carter at this stage of the polls at this stage of his perception in the country is to be seen as weak or to be seen as willing to compromise just to win a few delegates he needs said his ma the president's man to be seen as strong and i think the question we all ought to ask ourselves tonight is did jimmy carter come out of tonight in madison square garden looking strong let's think that over during this commercial well [Music] we've been here in madison square garden watching this convention although not always on the air for the last 13 hours and sometimes a convention can be dull as we've heard some of the delegates say you go through long speeches you go through long roll calls

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through long roll calls but tonight in madison square garden there was one very brief period in which it was all wrapped up that was when the permanent chairman of the convention speaker thomas p o'neal of the house called for voice votes on four of the minority reports to the platform and we've saved that tape you may have missed it earlier it was a wonderful dramatic funny and historic moment at this convention and

we're going to bring it to you now speaker o'neill calling for voice votes there has been a request to withdraw the roll call on number three consequently the chair will withdraw the rule call on number three the question is on the adoption of the minority report on question three those in favor will say aye [Applause] those opposed will say in the no of the chair the eyes have it [Applause] well it didn't sound that way up here sorry about that tip we will now come to minority report number two those in favor will vote i those opposed will vote no in the opinion of the chair the eyes have it we now come to number one those in favor will vote i those opposed will vote no [Music] in the opinion of the chair the nose have it we now come to number four we now come to number four those in favor of minority report number four will say aye those opposed will say no we'll vote no in the opinion of the

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we'll vote no in the opinion of the chair the eyes have it the eyes have been the eyes have have been reported and have won uh three two three four and five the no's were declared winners in one we will continue on with the convention that was democracy in action the uh there is one thing we say this every four years uh and people forget it in this hall they're about at that time there are about 20 000 people of whom 3331 were entitled to vote on those roll call votes there is no way on earth to separate them from all the other people sitting up in the galleries the visitors the guests the idlers the loafers the people who could wangle the ticket somehow the ushers the police everyone everyone votes on these roll call votes simply by shouting and there's no way to tell who's eligible to vote and who isn't so you never put a question to a roll call vote unless you have already decided what result you want and you get whatever result you want which the speaker had done tonight he knew that three of them the carter people were giving in on but the one that that actually i suppose that was a kind of compromise because the one where he said the nose habit which was not made part of the platform was the one in which the kennedy people asked for wage and price control so what we didn't get in the platform tonight were wage and price controls we got all kinds of other that's the only thing we did not get we the only thing of kennedy's that we didn't get and that's right everything uh he wrote the platform in effect well he wrote that section of it and he may have some effect they may be compromising tonight on on the other things that will happen now let's talk a little bit about tomorrow and what we think and what we've reported may happen tomorrow uh the president arrives at newark airport tomorrow morning it's around 8 40 9 30 9 30 eastern time

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it's around 8 40 9 30 9 30 eastern time and then goes into town and everybody in new york well perhaps not everybody but certainly everybody who follows politics is wondering when and under what circumstances or if he will meet with senator kennedy who's going to be in town and it's our information as we reported earlier that such a meeting will take place we don't know when we'll have the arrival on the air by the way when he uh when he appears and let's see what else is tomorrow the nominations of the voting of course and the nominating of uh mr carter and since we already know it is mondale there's no surprise about that unlike the republican convention that'll be done thursday that'll be done thursday and then on thursday we will have the acceptance speeches and then the grand family appearance of the democratic party on the podium here in the hall right uh the last time that when jimmy carter you may recall in 1976 there was hardly a democrat alive who wasn't on that podium that they even i think constructed it so that they could get two or three dozen people uh up there this one is a little bit smaller and so it may be a different kind of of appearance but anyway that's well in advance we will of course be here for that as we've been here for most of this as david said we'll have live coverage of the president's arrival in newark tomorrow morning 9 30 eastern time the today show will be on uh before that with the iron man tom brokaw and many guests talking about this convention and our formal and full of convention coverage will begin tomorrow night with the nightly news program so thanks a lot for sticking with us and we'll have more tomorrow night convention moments edwin newman footnotes the democratic convention of 1932

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1932 brought to you by the bell system yellow pages the first step let your fingers do the walking through the bell system yellow pages the 1932 democratic convention changed the face of american politics and nominating and then uniting behind governor franklin roosevelt of new york the democrats put aside bitter sectional rivalries that had split the party badly in the 20s in roosevelt they found a winner who gave them control of the white house and congress for years to come in a political campaign it is a cold war give me your help not to win votes alone but to win in this crusade to restore america to its own people [Applause] in november roosevelt won a smashing victory over herbert hoover twenty years were to pass before a republican was in the white house again

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